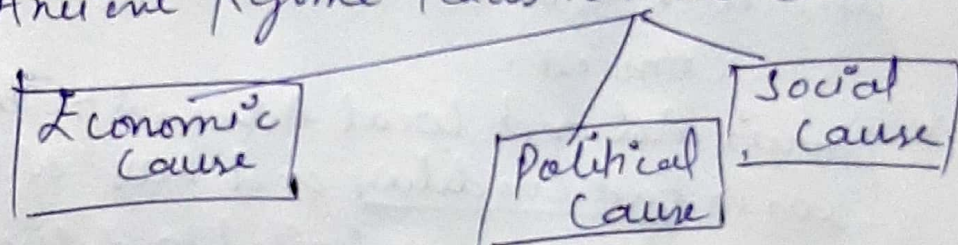


Ques: Poverty along with oppression prevalent in the Ancient Regime was responsible for Revolution. Discuss.

Ans Meaning of French Revolution

The French Revolution was a period of Radical political and Societal Change in France that began with the Estate General of 1789 and with the formation of French Consulate in 1799.

Poverty along with oppression prevalent in the Ancient Regime leads to three Causes:



Economic Cause:

- * Participation in Seven war of Independence leads to Crisis which become Unbearable
- * War against European Countries had left the Country with great debt.
- * Government had borrowed loan from Both Internal and External Sources - Stage of Bankruptcy
- * Due to Destruction of Crops in 1787, and food shortages lead to
 - Had poor food production in other countries which rely.
 - Increased in the price of food stuff
 - Hardships of farmers workers and weaker section were Intensified.

* The obvious solution was to make tax rates high, and the whole burden was on trader & farmer, but they denied pay.

Political Cause.

* France lived in what was called an absolute monarchy

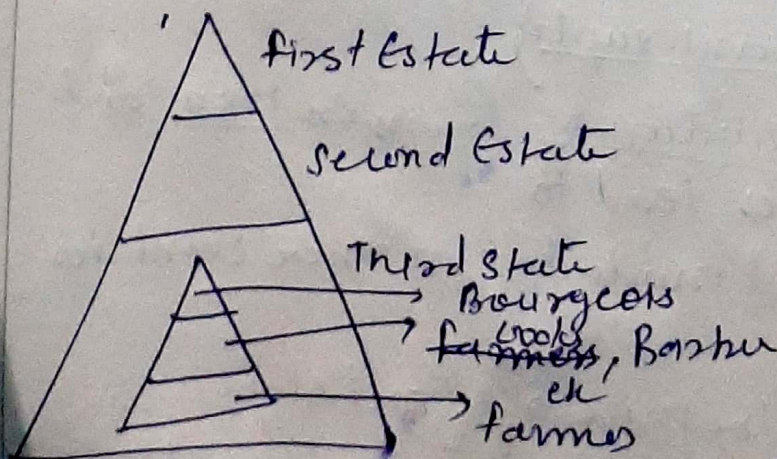
* The Divine Right theory says that they were representatives of god and they were answerable to god only.

* Various kinds of illegal connection and atrocities of local authorities were common.

* provincial and local Administration too was in Bad Condition and most of the government agencies failed to deliver services to people.

* To divert attention of French people, King tried to engage France with other countries in diplomatic & military conflict.

Social Cause (Ancient Regime)



The Nobles fight, the clergy pray and people pay.

- * Social inequality in paying taxes as two classes were exempted from paying taxes.
- * Inequality is shown in distribution of land, 40 percent of the land was covered by top class only and rest for all.
- * One of the major problems that upset this Order was the incredible growth of Bourgeoisie in wealth and in Number. They had no place in today System of feudal society.

Conclusion

while discussing the cause of French Revolution, outcome of Revolution had a lasting impact on political, economic, & social way of life - change in ~~of~~ old system to New system - change in social structure, economic as well as political.