

French Revolution (1789)

FEUDALISM in Fr :

FEUDAL SOCIETY :

Society / PPL OF Fr were ORGANIZED NOT AS EQUALS BUT INTO 3 ESTATES.

(A) CLERGY : 1st Estate :

Political Influence as reinforced Divine R2 Rule of King

- Higher Clergy served as Political Advisors to King

Monopoly over Religious matters + no other

APPROVED Religion in Fr (i.e. no Protestant Christianity)

Economic Power : 10% OF LAND with CLERGY

- Got RENT and Tithe, [MANY used to leave their ESTATE to

CHURCH after Death] ∵ Largest per capita owner of Land

[Owned 10% LAND, 1.3 Lakh pop (0.5% Pop)]

Exemption From TAX : PAID very OF Revenue EARNINGS

EVERY 5 yrs or a Bribe To King to continue the Exemption,

No EQUALITY before LAW : CLERGY COULD BE TRIED ONLY IN

Ecclesiastical COURTS i.e. Religious Courts manned by CLERGY & not civil courts.

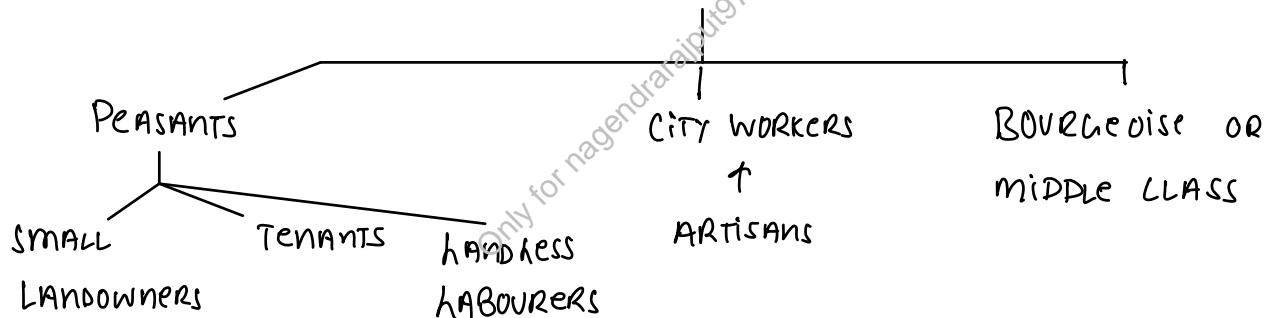
Enlightenment WRITINGS Questioned CHURCH'S POWER + POORLY PAID LOWER CLERGY (i.e. PARISHES FORMING 1/3 Clergy) WHO LIVED among 3rd estate were unhappy with HIGHER CLERGY. MANY OF THEM joined NATIONAL ASSEMBLY in 1789 AFTER FR 1789.

(B) NOBILITY : 2ND ESTATE :

- # They were ARISTOCRATS & Dominated the Polity as they Dominated the King's COURT.
- # They Dominated the BUREAUCRACY & MILITARY as only they could be Appointed to senior Positions.
- # They Dominated the Economy as 2ND ESTATE was the LARGEST LANDOWNER.
($\approx 1.5\%$ of Population, Controlled 30% Land)
- # They Dominated the JUDICIARY. However some MIDDLE CLASS members of 3RD ESTATE were JUDGES as JUDGESHIP COULD BE PURCHASED.
 \therefore THERE WAS NO MERITOOCRACY

(C) 3RD ESTATE : IT COMPRISED OF REST OF THE POPULATION

\therefore masses were PART OF 3RD ESTATE.



(i) Peasants: 80% of population of Fr was Peasantry.

Among them HALF were HANDLESS LABOURERS;

TENANTS HAD TO PAY HIGH RENTS ($2/3^{\text{RD}}$ of Land Revenue)

(These DUES = MANORIAL DUES ; MANOR = ESTATE OR BIG PATCH OF LAND)

LANDOWNER PEASANTS FORMED A TINY % & THEIR LANDHOLDINGS WERE SMALL.

(ii) CITY WORKERS & ARTISANS

THEY HAD POOR WAGES

WORKERS COULD NOT SHIFT JOBS WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT.

SINCE SOCIETY WAS NOT INDUSTRIALIZED, THEIR Y% WAS LESS.

(iii) BOURGEOUISE / MIDDLE CLASS:

FORMED ~ 8% OF POPULATION

THEY WERE TRADERS, LAWYERS, DOCTORS, WRITERS & THINKERS.

WERE MONETARILY BETTER PLACED BUT DID NOT ENJOY ANY SOCIO-POLITICAL STATUS :: BELONGED TO 3RD ESTATE.

THERE WAS NO MERITOOCRACY & COMMON MAN COULD NOT ASPIRE FOR A CAREER ESPECIALLY IN BUREAUCRACY & MILITARY.

FEUDAL POLITY: ABSOLUTE MONARCHY

THERE WAS NO DEMOCRACY & NO PARLIAMENT

∴ MASSES WERE NOT HAVING ANY REPRESENTATION / SAY IN POLITY WHICH WAS DOMINATED BY KING & NOBILITY.

THERE EXISTED A BODY - "ESTATES GENERAL" BUT IT CANT BE CALLED A PARLIAMENT AS:

(a) IT WAS AN ASSEMBLY OF 3 ESTATES & NOT OF PEOPLE OF F.R. ∴ WAS A SYMBOL OF FEUDAL SOCIETY OF F.R.

(b) IT WAS NOT AN ELECTED BODY

(c) IT DID NOT HAVE ANY POWERS & AT BEST WAS AN ADVISORY BODY WHICH COULD BE IGNORED.

(d) IT HAD RARELY MET AFTER 1789 ∴ WAS AS GOOD AS NON EXISTENT.

THERE WAS "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION" as all TAXES WERE PAID ONLY BY 3RD ESTATE & 1ST & 2ND ESTATE DID NOT PAY TAXES WHILE 3RD ESTATE i.e. MASSES WERE NOT REPRESENTED IN ANY PARLIAMENT.

∴ TAXES WERE APPLIED BY MONARCH WITHOUT CONSENT OF MASSES.

THERE WAS NO UNIFORMITY OF LAW & DIFFERENT LAWS EXISTED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF FR.

NO RULE OF LAW AS 1ST & 2ND ESTATE ENJOYED SPECIAL PROTECTIONS & PRIVILEGES AND THERE EXISTED HIGH DISCRETION WITH JUDGES.

∴ THERE WAS NO "EQUALITY BEFORE LAW".

POSTS OF JUDICIARY COULD BE PURCHASED.

Feudal Economy :

ECONOMY WAS LARGEY AGRARIAN ECONOMY & LAND WAS SOURCE OF POWER ④ ECONOMY WAS VILLAGE BASED ECONOMY.

THERE WAS CONCENTRATION OF LAND HOLDINGS AMONG THE NOBILITY & CLERGY WHILE MASSES WERE LARGEY LANDLESS.

∴ ECONOMY WAS DOMINATED BY NOBILITY & HENCE MASSES ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION NOT AS OWNERS OF PROPERTY & NOT FOR PROFIT MOTIVE. ∴ MODERN CAPITALIST ECONOMY WAS LARGEY ABSENT.

- # THERE WAS NO RIGHT TO PROPERTY FOR THE 3RD ESTATE.
- # LACK OF FREEDOM OF WORK FOR WORKERS ∵ OF CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT.
- # ALTHOUGH SERFDOM (WHERE PEASANTS ARE BOUND TO THE LAND AND WORK FOR FREE FOR LANDOWNER / MASTER) WAS ABSENT; HOWEVER DUE TO MANORIAL DUES i.e. INDEBTEDNESS OF PEASANT MASSES TO LANDOWNERS THERE EXISTED SERVITUDE (i.e. PROVIDING LABOR IN LIEU OF INDEBTEDNESS) AND ∵ PEASANTS WERE INFORMALLY BOUND TO SERVITUDE ∵ NOT FREE.
∴ LABOR WAS NOT TOTALLY FREE.
- # TITHE : 1/10th OF LAND REVENUE TO BE PAID BY LANDOWNERS TO CLERGY. ∵ IT WAS NOT A TAX BUT A FEUDAL LEVY.
- # TAILLE : A TAX BY STATE PAYABLE ONLY BY 3RD ESTATE.

REASONS FOR FR 1789

(i) FEUDALISM : BRIEFLY

(a) UNEQUAL SOCIETY DIVIDED INTO 3 ESTATES WITH EACH ESTATE HAVING DIFFERENT PRIVILEGES & RESPONSIBILITIES.

- ④ OPPRESSION OF MASSES BY ELITE 1ST & 2ND ESTATES
- ④ LACK OF MERITOCRACY

(b) CONCENTRATION OF LAND HOLDINGS AMONG 1ST & 2ND ESTATE WHILE MASSES WERE ECONOMICALLY OPPRESSED & WERE SOLE TAX

PLAYERS ④ NO FREEDOM OF WORK ⑤ NO SECURITY OF PROPERTY

⑥ LACK OF ANY DEMOCRACY & RULE OF KING & NOBILITY.

⑦ INSPIRATION FROM ENLIGHTENMENT THINKERS OF 17TH & 18THC:

THEY ARGUED IN FAVOR OF MODERN POLITICAL IDEAS LIKE SELF GOVT, DEMOCRACY, REPUBLICANISM, RULE OF LAW, EQUALITY BEFORE LAW, NATURAL RIGHTS i.e. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS TO ALL INCLUDING RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY & PROPERTY.

THEIR IDEAS INSPIRED ESPECIALLY EDUCATED MIDDLE CLASS.

⑧ INSPIRATION FROM AMERICAN REVOLUTION 6S83 (1765-83)

IF 13 COLONIES COULD OVERTHROW THE BN TO ACHIEVE SELF GOVT & DEMOCRACY AND IMPLEMENT ENLIGHTENMENT IDEAS THEN WHY COULD NOT THE FRENCH OVERTHROW FEUDALISM.

IRONY WAS NOT MISSED BY FRENCH THAT THEY PAID FOR INDEPENDENCE & SELF GOVT OF 13 COLONIES AS FRENCH MILITARY SUPPORTED IN AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE 7683 (1776-83)

WHILE AT HOME FRENCH HAVE NO SELF GOVT.

⑨ UNPOPULAR MONARCHY :

KING LOUIS XVI WAS UNINTERESTED IN ADMINISTRATION
"BRAIN WORK TIRES ME".

QUEEN MARY ANTOINETTE WAS FAMOUS BY NAME OF
"MADAME DEBT" AMONG FRENCH DUE TO HER LAVISH LIFESTYLE WHEN FRANCE WAS UNDER FINANCIAL STRESS.

⑤ Economic Reasons:

(a) TAXES WERE HIGH & ONLY 3RD ESTATE PAID TAXES.

(b) Huge Fiscal Deficit Due To EXPENSIVE WARS OF RECENT PAST & FA DIDN'T GAIN MUCH FROM THESE WARS.

(AUSTRIAN WAR OF SUCCESSION 1740-48, 7YR GLOBAL WAR 1754-63,
AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE 1776-83)

(c) In 1788-89 ONE OF THE WORST FAMINES TOOK PLACE.

⑥ Trigger: King Louis XVI CALLED A MEETING OF ESTATES GENERAL WHERE HE WANTED TO SEEK LEGITIMACY FOR HIS DECISION OF ↑ES IN TAXES.

Events @ FR 1789

MIDDLE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES OF 3RD ESTATE DEMANDED DOUBLE REPRESENTATION IN THE MEETING SO THERE EXISTS PARITY B/W (1ST + 2ND) & 3RD ESTATE AND ∴ CHANCE OF MINIMIZING OR OPPOSING ↑ES IN TAXES.

KING GRANTED DOUBLE SEATS BUT NOBILITY CONVINCED KING TO HALVE THE VOTE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 3RD ESTATE
∴ RESTORING 1/2RD WEIGHT OF 3RD ESTATE.

3RD ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE BOYCOTTED MEETING OF ESTATES GENERAL & ASSEMBLED IN ROYAL TENNIS COURT DECLARING THEMSELVES

The NATIONAL ASSEMBLY i.e. AN ASSEMBLY OF THE PPL
NOT OF ESTATES.

NOBILITY CONVINCED KING TO SEND TROOPS TO DISBAND THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NEWS SPREAD IN PARIS & THEN TO REST OF FR

(a) IN PARIS, SPONTANEOUS UPRISEMENT BEGINS & PPL
THROW OPEN "BASTILLE PRISON" ON 14 JULY 1789
TO GATHER ARMS TO RISE IN VIOLENT REVOLT.
 \therefore FRIDAY OFFICIALLY BEGAN ON 14 JULY 1789.

(b) IN COUNTRYSIDE, MANORS & PROPERTY OF 1ST & 2ND
ESTATE WAS ATTACKED. LANDS WERE SEIZED BY
3RD ESTATE.

NOBILITY (CONTINUED MILITARY, POLICE, BUREAUCRACY, POLITY)
SURRENDERED & NOW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BEGAN
LEGISLATING THE CONSTITUTION.

PRINCIPLES OF THIS CONSTITUTION WERE 1ST HIGHLIGHTED IN
FORM OF "RIGHTS OF MAN & CITIZEN".

French Revolution

The Revolution

- Declaration of Rights of Man and Citizen:
 - All men are born free and equal.
 - Equality before law.
 - Principle of innocent until proven otherwise.
 - All people were eligible to the public offices
 - Freedom of speech and press.
 - Right to private property unless the public welfare necessitates to infringe this right.
 - The society has a right to demand accountability from each civil servant.
 - The document gave the term nation its modern meaning i.e.
 - a Nation is sum total of the people residing in a territory and not the territory itself. From the idea of Nation followed the idea of sovereignty of the people.
 - Thus people were the source of all power and authority and there cannot be any ruler above the people but only a Republic.

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French Revolution

The Revolution Ended Feudalism

- Equality of Taxation + Equality of Legal punishment i.e. Equality before Law
- Rule of Law i.e. freedom to do anything unless barred by law
- Ended Manorial dues which led to land redistribution in favor of tillers
- Ended Tithe, Ended Taille
- All forms of personal servitude ended without need for any redemption payment
- end to purchase of public office e.g. Judgeship
- Ended Game Laws which barred people to hunt animals & birds. Now all could hunt pigeons
- Freedom of Work- no need for Certificate of Good Conduct now from present employer for shifting job

Above implemented By Constitution of 1791:

Right to vote was linked with income criteria

Form of Democracy adopted was Constitutional Monarchy.

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KEY

T: Tuscan

P: Papal States

V: Venice

Sa: Savoy

Sard: Kingdom of Sardinia

Sw: Switzerland

D: Denmark

Sn: Spanish Netherlands

N: The Netherlands/ Dutch Republic



French Revolutionary Wars (1792 - 1804)

And Jacobins

- # JACOBINS WERE MEMBERS OF JACOBINS CLUB & JACOBINISM STOOD FOR IDEOLOGY OF NATIONALISM, SACRIFICE, SOCIAL RIGHTS & EQUALITY.
- # THEIR SUPPORT BASE WERE WORKERS & THEY WANTED RADICAL REFORMS LIKE RIGHT TO VOTE TO ALL MALES INDEPENDENT OF INCOME CRITERIA; AND RIGHT TO WORK FOR ALL i.e. RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT.

French Revolutionary Wars (1792 - 1804)

- # HERE FRENCH WERE FIGHTING ↳ MOST OTHER EUROPEAN KINGDOMS TO PROTECT THE GAINS MADE FROM FR1789 WHILE OTHER KINGDOMS WANTED TO RESTORE THE PRE-FR1789 ORDER TO PREVENT SPREAD OF IDEAS OF REVOLUTION AMONG THEIR POPULATION WHICH COULD HAVE THREATENED PRIVILEGES OF NOBILITY & POWERS OF MONARCHY.

① June 1791: King & Queen
FAIL TO ESCAPE FROM FR.
WANTED TO DO A COUNTER
Revolution WITH HELP OF
OTHER EUROPEAN MONARCHS.

② APRIL 1792
AUSTRIA, SAVOY, PRUSSIA ATTACK FR
↑
NOW MANY FRENCH NOBLES WHO WERE
ALSO MILITARY COMMANDERS BEGAN
DEFECTING TO ENEMY SIDE.: WANTED
COUNTER REVOLUTION.

③ INFLUENCE OF JACOBINS ↑ IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
AND AMONG PPL AS WAR DEFEATS PILLED UP &
NOBILITY DEFECTED TO ENEMY
• THEY ARGUED TO DEFEAT ALL ENEMIES OF FR 1789
- EXTERNAL AS WELL AS INTERNAL

④ AUG 1792 : KING IS OVERTHROWN
SEP 1792 : MONARCHY ABOLISHED & FR PROCLAIMED REPUBLIC
↓
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPLACED BY NATIONAL CONVENTION
I.E. A NEW CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CUM PARLIAMENT,
TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION FOR FR AS A REPUBLIC.
[DRAFTED IN 1793 aka JACOBIN CONSTITUTION]

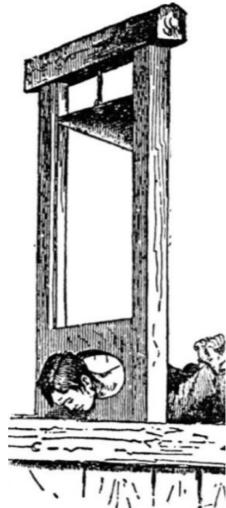
(5) Emergency: WAR DEFEATS PILE UP & JACOBINS WANTED
EMERGENCY DECLARED. NEUTRALS SIDED WITH THEM.
∴ EMERGENCY POWERS GIVEN TO "COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY"
TO SAFEGUARD REVOLUTION

(6) REIGN OF TERROR BEGINS (1792-94)

ROBESPIERRE WAS LEADER OF JACOBINS
& HEAD OF COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY (JULY 1793-
JULY 1794)

"LIBERTY CANNOT BE SECURED UNLESS CRIMINALS
LOSE THEIR HEAD"

∴ JACOBINS BELIEVED THEY COULD KILL ALL WHO
OPPOSED THE FR 1789; THAT INTERNAL ENEMIES OF
REVOLUTION MUST BE ELIMINATED; & THAT TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION OF LIBERTY WAS JUSTIFIED TO SECURE FR 1789
[ENDS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MEANS]



1793-94: # ROBESPIERRE (^{JULY 1792}
_{JULY 1794}) GUILLOTINED 1400 IN A MONTH

JAN 1793 KING GUILLOTINED

OCT 1793 QUEEN "

3 LAKH JAILED # 10,000 DIED IN PRISONS

17000 GUILLOTINED i.e. EXECUTED BY STATE

WHEN ROBESPIERRE TARGETTED OTHER POLITICIANS, THEN A COUP WAS
DONE - ROBESPIERRE WAS ARRESTED & GUILLOTINED & JACOBIN CLUB
BANNED.

DIR ECTOR Y GOVT (1795-99)

Bourgeoisie leaders again linked right to vote to income criteria + Constitution provided for a Republic with Govt called Directory Govt.

This Govt was

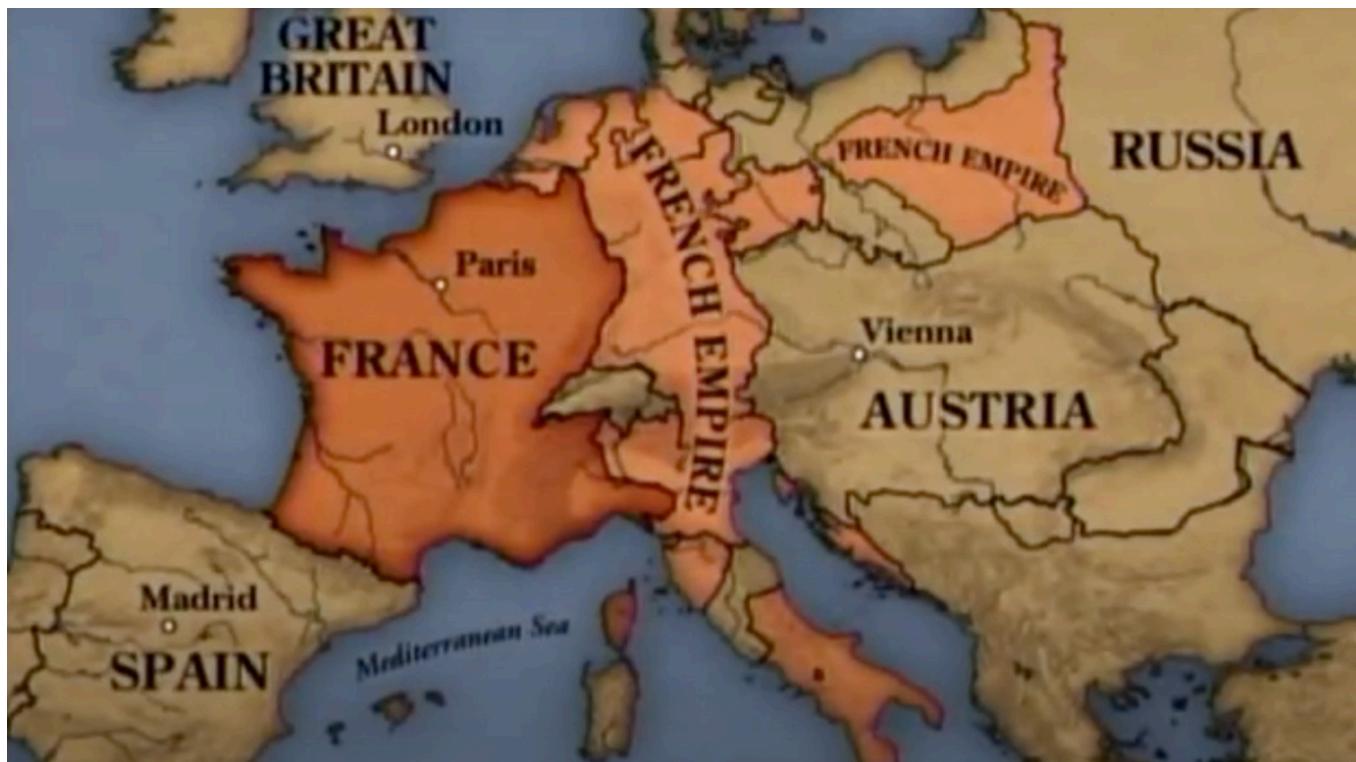
- CORRUPT • UNSTABLE ∵ OF COALITION GOVTS
- FAILED TO PROVIDE LAW & ORDER
- FAILED TO CONTAIN FISCAL DEFICIT

∴ By 1799, Napoleon was viewed as a savior by ppl of Fr. "you need a savior & here I am".

He captured power in 1799 in a coup.

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Napoleon at his peak (1807)



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NAPOLEONIC CODE 1804 [TOOK 4 YRS TO DRAFT]

1. All male citizens are equal

- Ended - Preference in Inheritance to eldest son
- Hereditary Nobility
- Class Privileges
- Church's control on Civilian Institutions

2. FREEDOM
of
CONTRACT

3. INVIOABILITY of PVT PROPERTY

4. Re-introduced Colonial SLAVERY

5. CODIFIED CIVIL LAW & CRIMINAL LAW

6. CATEGORIZED Civil Law into Property & Family

3 BOOKS

Ist Book detailed - LAW OF PERSONS , IInd Book - LAW OF THINGS , IIIrd : METHODS of ACQUIRING RIGHTS

- ↳ Enjoyment of Civil Rights
- ↳ Domicile, Guardianship,
- ↳ Relations of PARENTS-CHILD
- ↳ MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

: -ve: Subordinated women to their fathers & husbands who controlled all family property & men were favored in DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

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IInd Book: LAW OF THINGS detailed REGULATION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS



IIIrd Book: METHODS OF ACQUIRING RIGHTS

- o By Succession, Donation, Marriage Settlement, Obligations
- o Financial Contracts & Different kinds of Contracts
- o Limitation of Actions i.e. time limits after which law suit can't be filed.

Influenced Civil Codes of 19th c of Europe & SAmerica countries.

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