***FUCTIONS OF STATE***

In the Europe of middle ages, life was essentially ruled by customs and traditions, whose control was no less rigid than that of the state.But there was no state in the real sense of the term at the point of time.The State and the Church both ruled together, the former in the temporal and the latter in the moral sphere.The function of the State were to maintain law and order, to dispense justice and conduct dealing with foreign States.Today the State is accepted as a “Welfare” or “Social State” with new significance of functions it is required to perform.These are divided into three main Categories:

* Protective or Police Functions
* Welfare or Ministrant Functions-order and protection.
* Economic and Regulatory Functions

1. **Protective or Police Functions:** Protective or Police functions are those indispensable and essential activities of the State upon which its existence depends, such as the preservation of external security and the maintenance of internal peace and order. If the Sate is to exist as an independent Sovereign State, its first duty is to secure universal order within its frontiers and to safeguard itself from all probabilities of foreign aggression. For this purpose the state must be equiped with military forces of all kinds and in possession of modern weapon. Defence of the state also necessitates manning the industrial resources of the country and applying nation’s scientific knowledge to the task of defence. To ensure organized community life, the state must keep adequate police force and make laws universal in application with a view to regulate the conduct of its citizens. The government accordingly, administers civil and criminal justice and protects citizens in the enjoyment of their life, liberty and property and other civil and political and political rights. The State, today also exercises control over certain aspects of the family life of the individual such as prescribing conditions for marriage, divorce, inheritance adoption and care of children, provision for the maintenance of wife….
2. **Welfare or Ministrant Functions-order and protection**: The state has a collective life and the attainment of common purpose depem