

- (a) Helps to regulate the flow of rivers (b) It results in flooding
(c) Can be used for developing ideal power (d) Enhance natural beauty

Q5: Read the sources given below and answer the questions that follow:

On Sunday, 25th February, the government suspended the Duma. Politicians spoke out against the measure. Demonstrators returned in force to the streets of the left bank on the 26th. On the 27th, the Police Headquarters were ransacked. The streets thronged with people raising slogans about bread, wages, better hours and democracy. The government tried to control the situation and called out the cavalry once again. However, the cavalry refused to fire on the demonstrators. An officer was shot at the barracks of a regiment and three other regiments mutinied, voting to join the striking workers. By that evening, soldiers and striking workers had gathered to form a 'soviet' or 'council' in the same building as the Duma met. This was the Petrograd Soviet.

The very next day, a delegation went to see the Tsar. Military commanders advised him to abdicate. He followed their advice and abdicated on 2 March. Soviet leaders and Duma leaders formed a Provisional Government to run the country. Russia's future would be decided by a constituent assembly, elected on the basis of universal adult suffrage. Petrograd had led the February Revolution that brought down the monarchy in February 1917.

Answer the following questions:

- (i) When did the government suspend the Duma?
(ii) What was Duma?
(iii) How did monarchy come to an end in Russia?

Q6: With the help of the following programme, people can get financial assistance in bank loans to set up any small industry?

- (a) Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (b) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana
(c) Rural Employment Generation Programme (d) None of these

Q7. Discuss the various groups that are vulnerable to poverty.

Q 8. Mention any three provisions which make Election Commission an independent body.

Q9. What are the major reasons for the less effectiveness of poverty alleviation programmes?