

Good afternoon everyone today the topic we will discuss is a political historical overview of the Portuguese colonial rule in Goa.

My outline of my module is will cover up three aspects of the colonial government in Goa, monarchy, Republican government, and Salazar's dictatorship.

At the end of the session you will learn about the different forms of government that were there in Portugal, which are replicated in Goa during the period it was, part of the Portuguese colony, you will also understand the impact of the Portuguese rule with positive and negative impact on the people of Goa. We start with the first form of government that was established in Portugal and that was monarchy. Monarchy came to be established in the year 1820.

The government of Portugal. Appointed a governor to look after its affairs in all the colonies. This governor is also referred to as the Viceroy. He had a term of three years. To help him in carrying out the administration of the colonies he had an Advisory council. This Advisory Council largely consisted of members who are nominated to the Council. There was no election carried out, limited franchise to only a few Goans who were close to Portugal's and who knew the Portuguese language that had

a right to exercise the right to

vote. Besides the Advisory Council, there were three other councils

known as Junta da Fazenda; Junta General da Provincia, Conselho de Provincia.

The Parliament started functioning in Portugal only as

late as 1833. That's when there was a group of individuals known

as the Liberals who gained control over the absolutists. Just as

there was a division in Portugal Between groups of people. So

also there was a division of people in Goa.

The introduction of this led to two groups Absolutist and Liberals. As I said, the former were supported by the military junta and the latter by the local Catholics. OK,

now since there were two groups with opposite ideas, each of

them had their own differences and most very often it led to

violence and bloodshed. The issue was first resolved in

Portugal and then it was resolved in Goa. OK, so it took

a lot of time from then to now.

After the monarchical government, we had a Republic

that came about, the Republic Was established on the 5th of

October, 1910, the Republican rule brought a lot of change as far

as the people of Goa were concerned. The Hindus were very happy with

the Republican form of government that came to be a

established because for the first time, they were guaranteed

their religious freedom, the church and the state, both were

separated, at least in theory.

The Hindus, whatever restrictions they had under the monarchical period for now, largely removed or restrictions were reduced, and they could enjoy their freedom. They came to be considered as being on par with the Catholics. Now to give further autonomy to the Portuguese rule, a charter was proclaimed in Portugal. This charter sought to bring out about a lot of changes. Unfortunately, on the day the changes were supposed to be introduced about by the charter. It was cancelled. Subsequently, another charter came to be established,

With the renaming of the Council of the Government, which was called as Conselho de Governo. Now this council that came to be established under the Republican period, had eleven elected members, with the governor as its president. The Republican government was largely responsible for bringing about an all round awakening among the people. The Hindus were very happy with the Republican period because if a guaranteed their freedom of religion, they were allowed to go to Portugal for higher studies. They were also allowed to apply for administrative post in the Government

These three freedoms were given to them, which were largely restricted under the monarchical period.

They also learn a little more about the administration that was carried out by the Portuguese. And there was a sharing of ideas between the Portuguese and the Goans.

Unfortunately, I must say that after a certain period of freedom for the people of Goa enjoyed under Republican government changed. When you had another form of government that emerged in Portugal. This is when Olivero Salazar came to power and 28th of May 1926. Once again, religion came to the forefront and the sword and the cross took hold of the administration. Olivero believed that the

Portuguese authorities should become pro religious, so he entered an agreement with the papal authority in Rome and he used the Christian missionaries to propagate about religion. Now under his regime a lot of restrictions, and limitations were imposed on the people.

People were denied their freedom of speech expression. There was censorship carried out in all printed material as well as newspapers, books, invitation cards, etc. OK, the only political party that was allowed

to function Goa was the National Union, which was under the direct patronage

of the dictator Oliveira Salazar OK. Social Organization

Cultural organisations could not have any meeting, signboards in

Marathi had to be reprinted in Portuguese. There was censorship

applied to all printed matter.OK, everything had to be

scrutinized by the Governor of Goa before it was printed.

Titles of books, newspapers that came outside Goa also came to be

censored. Another restrictions besides these on the press and

the people was that no Goans from outside were allowed to chair any

function. Any violation of the government orders people were

largely subject to suppression and the right to vote was only

granted in paper. Though the governor had a council to advise him, its members

was just a nominal with no powers

to control the actions of the government. If elections were

held in Goa, these elections were largely elections that were

manipulated. With those who were the sympathizers of the

Portuguese rule.So Salazar's Period is being regarded a black period

When there were a lot of restrictions and limitations on the people of

Goa. Now through my lecture on 3 forms of government that exists

in Portugal and Goa, we can see all the sufferings, the

difficulties that the people ofGoa to undergo through different

periods of government . If there are any inquiries for further references

you can refer to these books

You have an idea of how people, if they are at all

remember the Portugueserule. They remember it

basically for the Republican period. Thank you.