

THE RISE OF NATIONALISM IN EUROPE

Source Based Questions

1. Read the source given below and answer the questions:

In 1848, a revolution led by the educated middle classes was underway. Men and women of liberal middle class demanded creation of a nation- state on parliamentary principles - a constitution and freedom of association. A large number of political associations came together in Frankfurt to vote for an all-German National Assembly. On 18 May 1848, 831 elected representatives marched to take their places in the Frankfurt parliament convened in the Church of St Paul. The Constitution drafted for German nation was headed by a monarchy, subject to a parliament. The crown was offered to Friedrich Wilhelm IV, King of Prussia but he rejected it and joined other monarchs to oppose the elected assembly. The Middle Class dominated the Parliament and a large number of women participated in liberal movement.

Women formed their own Political associations, founded newspaper and took part in political meeting and demonstrations, but they were still denied suffrage rights during the election of the Assembly.

Answer these questions:

(i) Where was the Frankfurt parliament held?

Answer: Frankfurt parliament was held in the Church of St Paul.

(ii) What was the demand of Men and women of liberal middle class people?

Answer: Men and women of liberal middle class demanded creation of a nation- state on parliamentary principles - a constitution and freedom of association.

(iii) How did women participate in liberal movement?

Answer: Women formed their own Political associations, founded newspaper and took part in political meeting and demonstrations.