

* Name the revolution which led down monarchy in Russia. Explain.

Ans -> The workers quarters and factories were located on the right bank of river Neva. On the left bank were the official buildings, including Winter Palace and Duma.

⇒ In February 1917, food shortages were deeply felt in workers' quarters. The winter was very cold there had been exceptional frost and heavy snow. Parliamentarians wishing to preserve elected government were opposed to the Tsar's desire to dissolve Duma.

⇒ The next day, workers in 50 factories called a strike in sympathy. The fashionable quarters and official buildings were surrounded by workers the government imposed curfew.

- On Sunday, 25 February, the government suspended the Duma.
- Demonstrators on 27th, ransacked the police headquarters.
- People raising slogans bread, wages, better hours and democracy thronged the streets.
- Government tried to call the cavalry but they didn't set a fire as they were against suspension of Duma and were supporting the striking workers.
- Then, the striking workers and soldiers formed a council known as the "Petrograd Soviet".
- The next day, a delegation was sent to see Tsar. On the advice of commanders, Tsar abdicated on 2nd March.
- Soviet & Duma leaders formed Provisional government to run the country.
- Hence, Petrograd February revolution of 1917 brought down monarchy in Russia.

* What do you mean by the "Petrograd Soviet"?

→ Petrograd Soviet was a council formed by the soldiers and workers, during 1917 petrograd revolution.