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THE FEBRUARY REVOLUTION IN PETROGRAD

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Q) Name the revolution led to abolition of monarchy in Russia and explain.

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Q) Petrograd had led the February Revolution that brought down the monarchy in February 1917.

Ans. February 1917 Revolution of Petrograd was led to abolish/for abolition of monarchy in Russia.

Explanation:-

- The workers' quarters and factories were located on the right bank of the River Neva. On the left bank were the fashionable areas, the winter palace and official buildings, including the palace where Duma met.
- Food shortages were deeply felt in the workers' quarters. The winter was very cold with frost and heavy snow.
- To protest and express their conditions, all workers including women marched and led the way to strike to Winter Palace.
- As the fashionable quarters and official buildings were surrounded by workers, the government imposed curfew.
- On Sunday, 25 February, the government suspended the Duma. Demonstrators then

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returned in force to the streets of the left bank on 26th. On 27th, the police headquarters were ransacked, and people raised slogans about bread, wages, better hours and democracy.

- To control the situation government called out cavalry. But cavalry refused to force the demonstrators, and they supported the workers instead of helping the police.
- By that evening, soldiers and striking workers gathered to form a soviet or council in the building as Duma met and this was called Petrograd Soviet.
- Next day, a delegation went to see the Tsar. Military commanders advised him to abdicate. He followed their advice and surrender on 2nd March. Soviet leaders and Duma leaders formed a Provisional Government to run the country.
- Petrograd had led the February Revolution that brought down the monarchy in February 1917.