Module 2 (2/3)

POWER SHARING IN BELGIUM

Acknowledgment

1) Reference: NCERT SOCIAL SCIENCE TEXT BOOK

2) Google Webpage for Maps.

Power point Presentation, audio records, worksheets and study materials for the following topics:

1. Power sharing in Belgium

a. Ethnic composition in Belgium & Brussels

Belgium	Dutch Speakers (%)	French Speakers	German
		(%)	speakers(%)
	59 %	40%	1 %
Brussels	20	80	

b. Causes of Ethnic crisis in Belgium

- Minority French speaking communities were rich and educationally prosperous.
- Majority Dutch speaking communities were relatively poor and got the educational opportunities in a later stage.
- ➤ This led to conflict between the two communities in power sharing.

c. Solution to Ethnic crisis of Belgium

- ➤ Belgian leaders accommodated liguistic and cultural diversities. Amendement of the constitution four times from 1970 to 1993.
- ➤ (No. of Dutch) = (French) speaking ministers in the central govt.
- Many powers of the central govts. are given to the state govts.

- ➤ Brussels have a separate govt. in which both the communities have equal representation.
- ➤ A third type of govt. Community govt. is elected by people belonging to one language community.

For this solidarity, Brussels has been chosen as the headquarters of European Union