

E-Learning Study Material
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Circumstances Leading to War
Communism in USSR.

Facts Regarding to War Communism

in USSR:—

- (i) War Communism took place during the Russian Civil War.
- (ii) It took place between 1918 and 1921.
- (iii) It involved management of resources in the country through some policies that were to be implemented.
- (iv) It was also used by Vladimir Lenin to control the country with an aim to improve its economy.
- (v) War Communism experienced some serious shortcomings.

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War Communism was introduced by Lenin in Russia ~~from~~ during the period ~~to~~ from 1918 to 1921. It was introduced by Lenin to combat the economic problems brought on by the civil war in Russia. It mainly consisted of emergency measures.

The first measure of War Communism involved the nationalisation of Land. Banking and Shipping were also nationalised and Foreign Trade was declared a State Monopoly in that only the State would carry out trade on behalf of its citizens and it was illegal for private organisations to carry out these trades. This was Lenin's response when he realised that the Bolsheviks were simply not ready to take over the whole economic system of Russia. Lenin stressed the importance of the workers showing discipline and a will to work hard if the revolution was to survive. A majority in the Bolshevik hierarchy thought that it would be a

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Good idea to remove factory ~~managers~~ managers and led the workers take it upon themselves to run the factories on behalf of the people.

It was seen that it would be a source of motivation that ~~the~~ the workers would work better if they believed they were working for a cause and feel less exploited in a system that made some rich but many poor. The civil war made many in the Bolsheviks even more class antagonistic - that is against social stratification - as there were many of the old guards who were fighting to destroy the Bolsheviks.

On June 28th, 1918, a decree was passed that ended all forms of private capitalism. Many large factories were taken over by the state and on November 29, 1920 any factory that employed over 10 workers was nationalised. Was communism also dictated how food was to be distributed. This was to be carried out by the Food Commissariat to ~~and~~ all.