

Module 2 (2/3)

POWER SHARING IN BELGIUM

Acknowledgment

- 1) Reference : NCERT SOCIAL SCIENCE TEXT BOOK
- 2) Google Web page 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 linguistic and cultural diversities. Amendment 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.

