

**Question1**

Why was Gandhiji impressed with Rajkumar Shukla's tenacity and determination?

**Answer**

Rajkumar Shukla the Champaran-Sharecropper requested Gandhiji in Congress Session in Lucknow to fix a date to visit Champaran where the sharecroppers were subjected to injustice. Till Gandhiji fixed a date he did not leave him rather he accompanied him wherever he went. Gandhiji was impressed by his tenacity and determination and finally agreed to go there from Calcutta Ans.

**Question2**

Why did Gandhi chide the lawyers who represented the interests of group of sharecroppers of Champaran?

**Answer**

Gandhiji chided the lawyers for collecting big fees from the sharecroppers to fight their case in law courts. He felt taking their case to law courts would do little good when they were so crushed and fear stricken. So his first priority was to free them from fear.

**Question3**

What were the conditions of sharecroppers of Champaran?

**Answer**

The peasants of Champaran were tenants of British landlords. Under long term sharecropping arrangement they were growing Indigo on 15 percent of their holding and surrendering the harvest as rent to the British landlord. But when Indigo price fell due to synthetic Indigo developed in Germany the landlords obtained agreement from the peasant to pay them compensation which some of the peasants resisted and fought their case in court.

**Question4**

What made the British realise that the Indians could challenge their might hitherto unquestioned?

**Answer**

The spontaneous demonstration around the courthouse by the peasants of Motihari on knowing that Gandhiji was in trouble was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British which made the British realise that now the Indians can challenge their might.

**Question5**

How did Gandhiji make the peasants fearless and self-reliant?

**Answer**

Gandhiji made the peasants fearless by letting them know about their rights, fighting their case and by obtaining the refund of compensation made to the British landlords who were behaving as lords above the law.