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Ans. The First World War altered the economic and political situation in India. It led to a huge rise in the defence expenditure of the Government of India. The government in turn increased taxes on individual incomes and business profits. Increased military expenditure and the demands for war supplies led to a sharp rise in prices which created great difficulties for the common people. On the other hand, business groups reaped fabulous profits from the war. The war created a demand for industrial goods (jute bags, cloth, rails) and caused a decline of imports from other countries into India. So Indian industries expanded during the war, and Indian business groups began to demand greater opportunities for development.

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- i. Gandhiji declared that he would lead a march to break the salt law.
- ii. According to this law, the state had a monopoly on the manufacture and sale of salt.
- iii. Gandhiji and his followers marched for over 240 miles from Sabarmati to the coastal town of Dandi where they broke the government law by gathering natural salt found on the seashore, and boiling sea water to produce salt.
- iv. Peasants, tribals and women participated in large numbers. A business federation published a pamphlet on the salt issue.
- v. The government tried to crush the movement through brutal action against peaceful satyagrahis. Thousands were sent to jail.