

SS 2 WK 2 1st term lesson note

Topic : land use Act of Nigeria

Sub Topic : features and Aims of land use Act 1978.

Land use Act was promulgated by the former head of state LT. General Olusegun Obasanjo in the 1978, to take care of the problems created by our land tenure systems where by intending farmer's had no place to farm especially on commercial basis.

Features of land use Act 1978

- I) It takes care of owning land by inheritance.
- II) It states that all land belongs to federal government both uses and acquisition of land must be controlled by federal government.
- III) The Decree also empowered each state governor to act on behalf of federal government.
- IV) It states that before anybody will legally owned a piece of land, he/she must applied to the government, pay for the land and there after issued with a certificate of occupancy(C of O).
- V) Every Nigeria must be up to twenty one(21) years and above before acquiring land.
- VI) It also states that a farmer should not be allocated to more than five hundred (500) hectares of land for crop production.

Aims of the land use Act 1978

- I) The Decree encourages proper and effective use of land..
- II) The Decree encourages farmers to acquire more lands for large scale farming.
- III) The Decree has prevented fragmentation of land since land acquire under the Decree can not be shared into bits.
- IV) The Decree has made acquisition of land relatively easier for new farmers for agricultural purposes.

Implications of land use Act 1978

- I) People acquired lands and refused to use them immediately only to resale it at a higher price.
- II) Lands are mostly acquired by rich and influential people for agricultural purposes because of high cost of lands.
- III) It only allows individual above 21years to apply for C of O.
- IV) It has caused community that so much depended on their land for important assets great loss.

LESSON TWO

Topic: Advantages and Disadvantages of land use Act 1978

Advantages

- I) It has made land acquisition easier for young farmers.
- II) It ensures proper land use so that agricultural lands is not unnecessarily diverted to non agricultural purposes.

- III) Availability of large land holding encourages large scale farming.
- IV) It prevents fragmentation of land since land acquiring under the Decree can not be shared into bits.
- V) It prevents or reduces boundary dispute.

Disadvantages of land use Act

- I) Cost of land surveying is very high.
- II) Process of obtaining C of O on lands has become too difficult to meet.
- III) It has caused poverty to many communities whose main assets were their lands.
- IV) Lands acquired by the rich and influential people are used for non_agricultural purposes.

Reasons why Government should enforce the land use Act

- I) For security purposes ie to avoid forcing the farmers out of their lands.
- II) For proper land use that is to make sure that agricultural lands are not used for non agricultural purposes.
- III) It reduces court cases among the citizens.