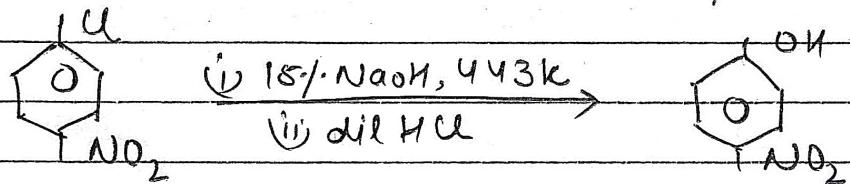
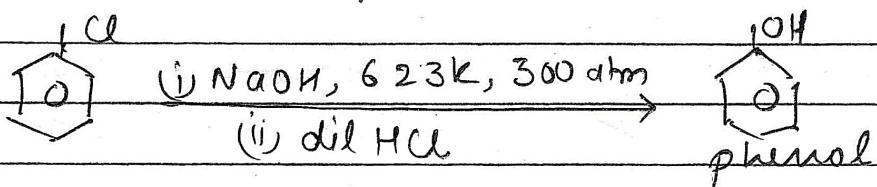
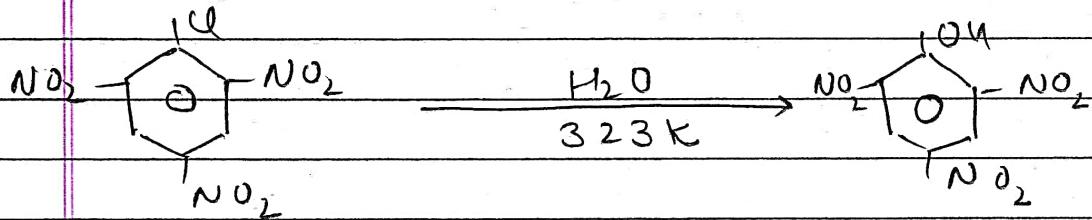
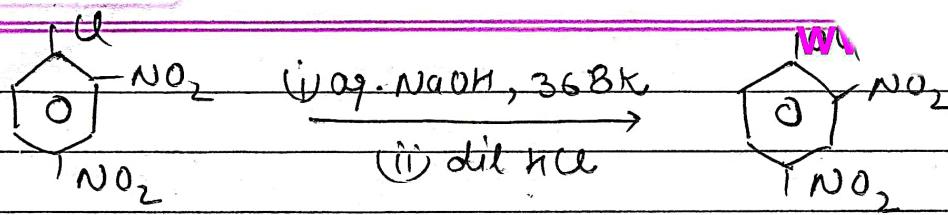


Effect of substituents in Haloarenes on the Reactivity

→ The presence of electron withdrawing groups such as $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-COOH$ etc.. at o- and p- para positions to the halogen atom greatly activates the halogen towards nucleophilic substitutions.

e.g.,

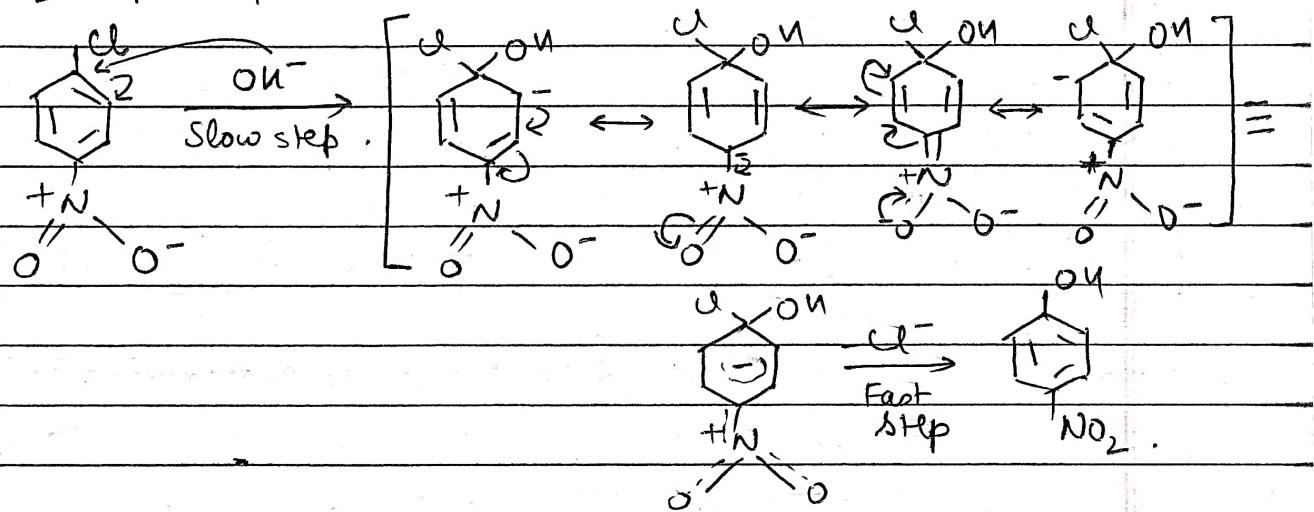




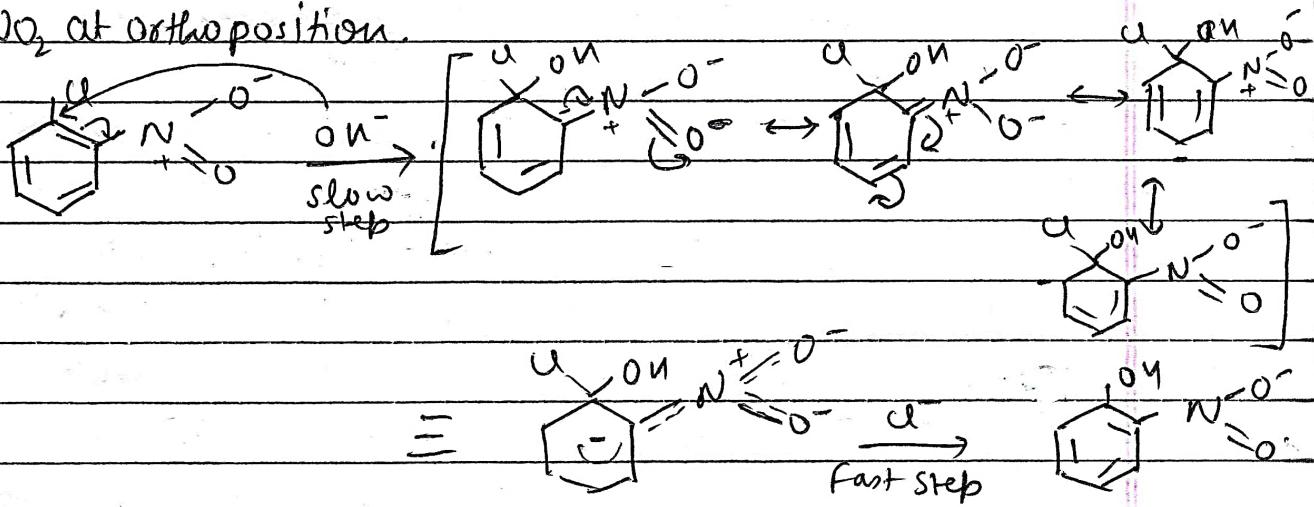
Note :- Nitro group ($-\text{NO}_2$) meta to the chlorine has no effect on reactivity.

Explanation :-

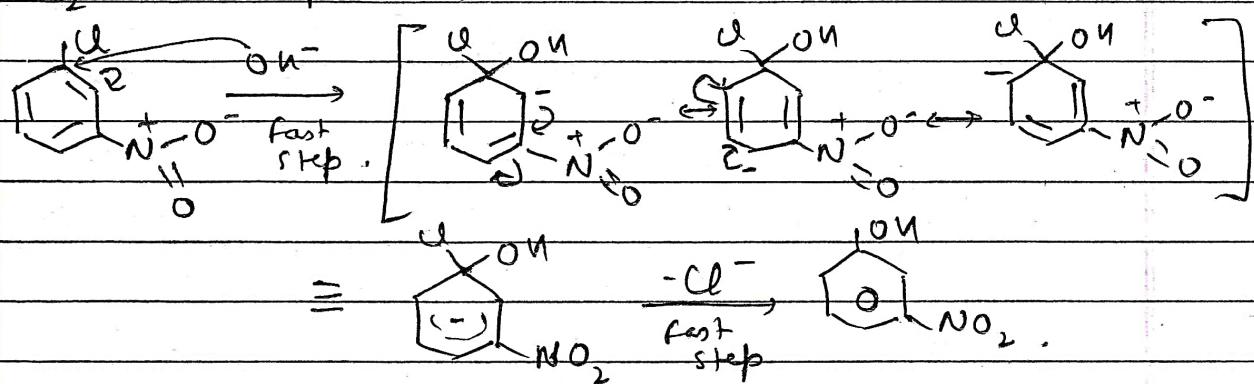
NO_2 at para position.



NO_2 at ortho position.



NO_2 at meta position:-

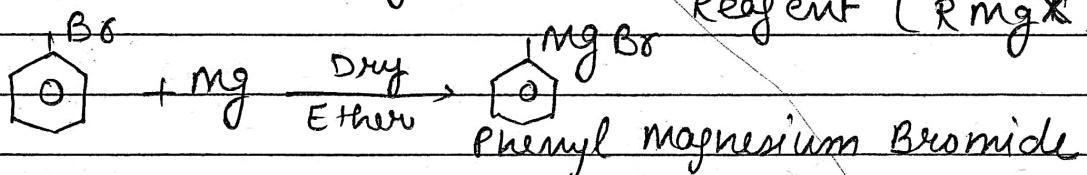


→ In case of o- & p- structures, one of the Resonating Structures bears a negative charge on the Carbon atom bearing the $-\text{NO}_2$ group. ∵ These carbanions are stabilised by the $-\text{NO}_2$ group as well as π electrons of benzene ring.

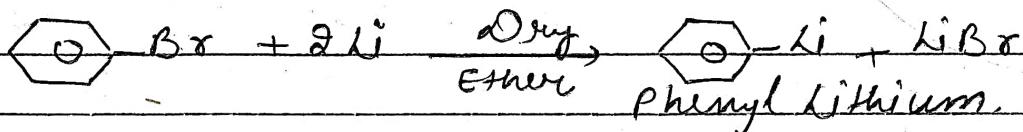
However, in case of m-structure, none of the Resonating structures bears the negative charge on the carbon atom bearing the $-\text{NO}_2$ group. ∵ The $-\text{NO}_2$ group does not stabilise the carbanion and thus has no effect towards the Reactivity.

B. Reaction with Metals.

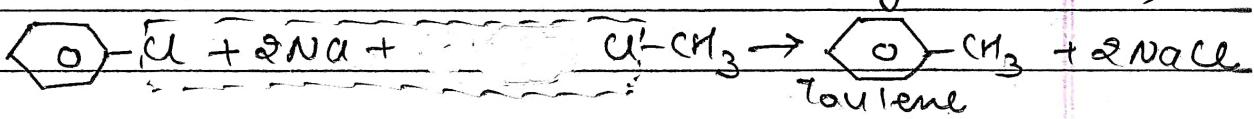
1. Reaction with Magnesium: formation of Grignard Reagent (R MgX)



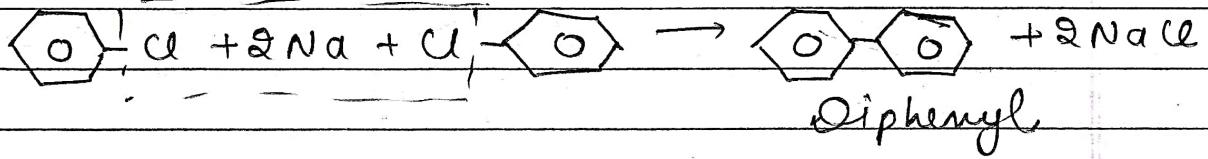
2. Reaction with lithium:



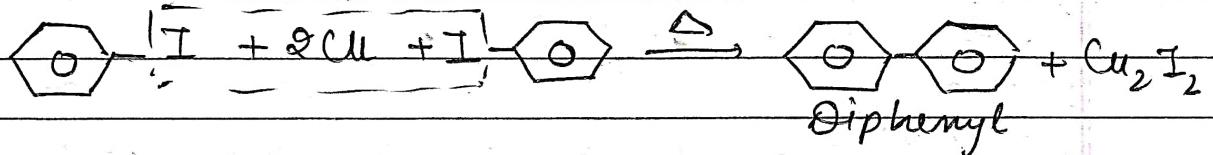
3. Reaction with sodium: (Wurtz-Fittig Reaction)



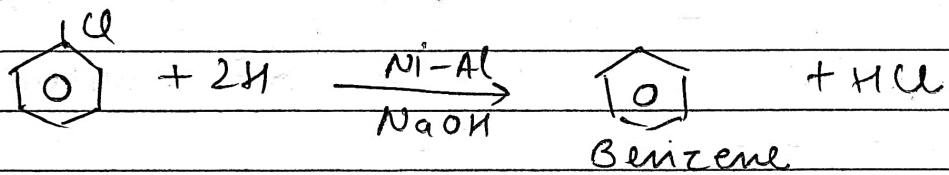
However, when haloarenes react with Na, it is called Fitting Reaction.



4. Reaction with Copper powder: (Ullmann Reaction)



C. Reduction

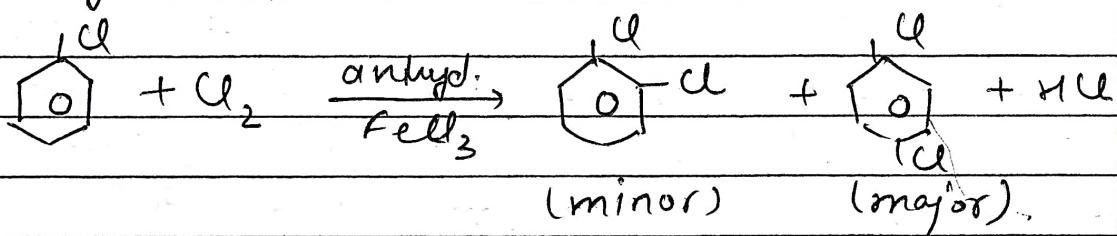


D. Ring Substitution or, Electrophilic Substitution Reactions.

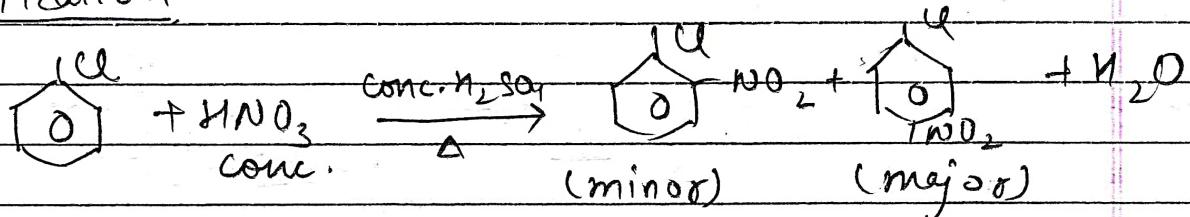
Note: (i) Haloarenes undergo electrophilic substitution reactions slowly as compared to Benzene.

(ii) Halogen group is ortho & para director.

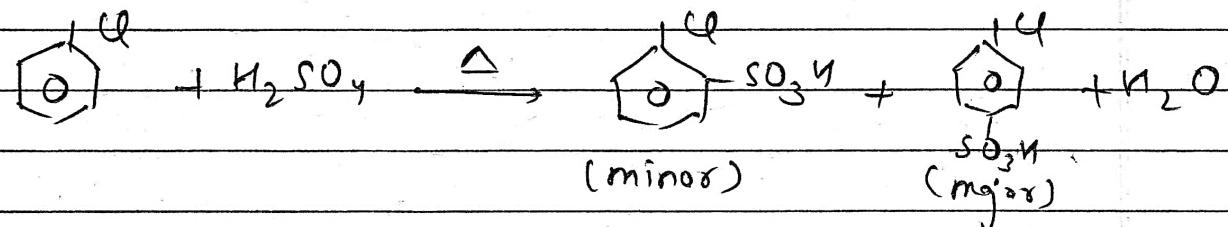
1. Halogenation.



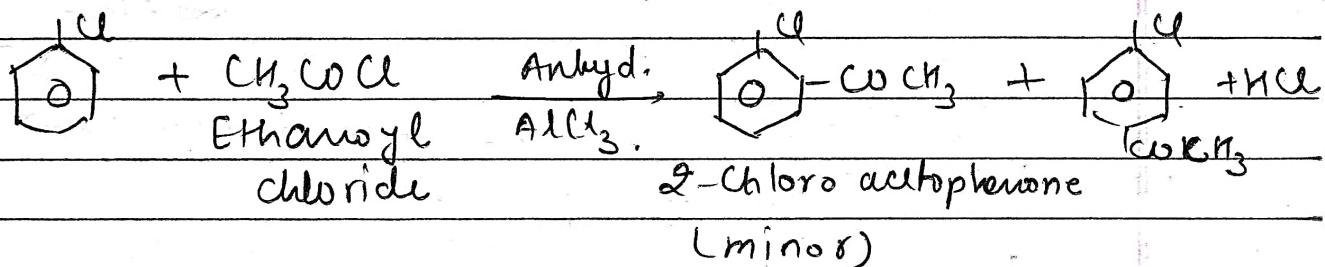
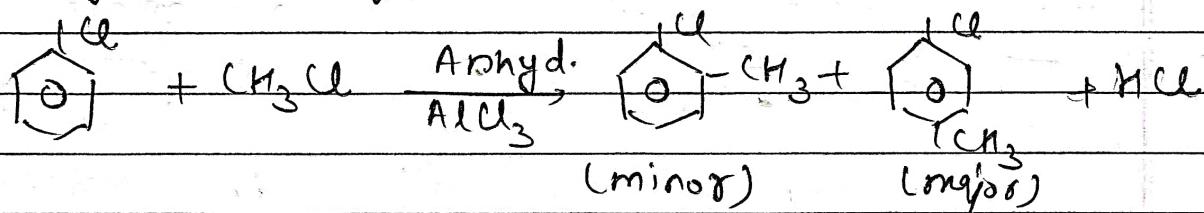
2. Nitration.



3. Sulfonation



4. Alkylation & Acylation : (Friedel-Craft Reactions)



Note:- Vinyl & Aryl Halides are less reactive than alkyl halides. This is mainly because the vinyl and aryl halides have partial double bond character between carbon and halogen atoms. As a result, carbon-halogen bond of a vinyl or aryl halide is stronger than that of an alkyl halide & the bond cleavage is difficult.