

Trace back the history and development of police organizations in Pakistan.

Introduction:

To maintain the law and order situation, police department was established in the past. With the passage of time, various reforms were constituted for the development of this organization to meet the changing needs of society. After the independence of Pakistan, various orders, Acts and amendments were enacted. Besides, commissions were promulgated for the welfare of the society public. Since the Mughal rule to present day, police department is serving the public.

Police during the Mughal era:

During the Before the independence, Pakistan was part of sub-continent. At that time, during the Mughal era, there was the office of Kotwal. He was the

chief officer of Kotwal office at that time.

Policing during British era:

After the downfall of Mughals, East India Company was the ruler. At that time police department was the wing of army, it was not separate. But, after war of independence, they felt need to establish police department to control rebellion. They formed a committee to present a report.

→ Formation of commission for establishing police department:

A commission was constituted under the member of Indian Civil Service. They presented a report to, separate the police wing from army. Army should focus on territory and police

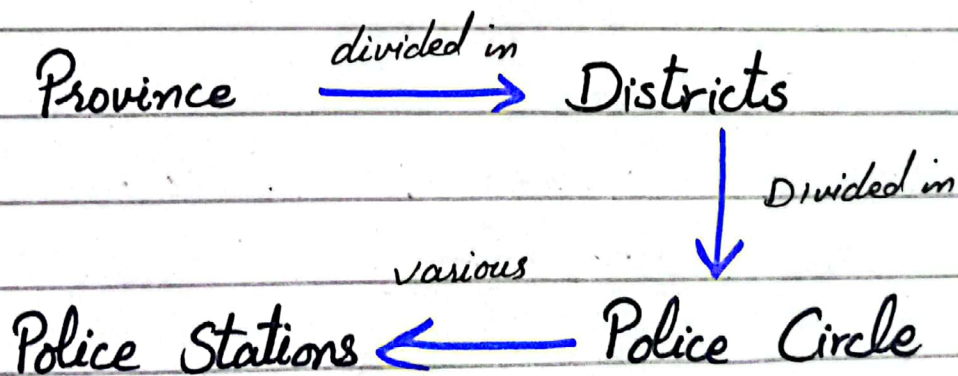
for the internal control"
Hence, they established the police
under the "Police Act 1861".

⇒ Purpose To establish Police:

They did not establish
it for peace and justice in
the subcontinent, but to suppress
any national movement and rebellion.

⇒ Construction / Division:

They made police a
bureaucratic department. It was under
the supervision of provincial government
and Magistrate government.



Structure of Police after independence
and reforms (1947—1998),

After the independence

Pakistan adopted the colonial legacy and Police Act 1861. However, various Acts, commissions and amendments were constituted with the changing conditions of society. A few commissions are mentioned below.

- 1970 Police Commission headed by A.O. Mitha
- 1985 Police Commission headed by Mr. Aslam Hayat
- 1995 Repo UN Report on organized crimes in Pakistan

Reforms introduced by "Police Order 2002" :

General Perwaiz Musharraf established a department "National Reconstruction Bureau" for reforms in governance. He formed a commission und. NRB of focal persons, on their

recommendations, a new law

Police Order 2002 was promulgated.

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→ Separation of Watch and Ward from Investigation:

Before investigation department was with Watch and Ward. But under Article 18 of Police Order 2002, it was separated.

→ Abolishment of Magistrate Office:

Police was under the supervision of Magistrate and province. But this act abolished the office of Magistrate.

→ Establishment of Public Safety Commission:

Under the Article 168, of Police Order 2002, Police complain and public

safety commission was established.
To facilitate the public and
provide them justice.

→ Police Liaison Committee:

Under Article 44
of Police Order 2002, this
committee was formed To contact
the public with police.

Current Status of Police:

Many reforms
were introduced since the independence
of Pakistan. In Provinces, currently
they have their own Acts, which
are mentioned below.

→ In Punjab:

Punjab is
currently following the Police
Order 2002 since its promulgation.

→ In KPK:

Khyber Pakhtunkhaw

has promulgated Police Act 2017.
Which is similar to that of
Punjab.

→ In Balochistan:

It has also
promulgated new law
"The Balochistan Act 2011".

→ In Sindh:

Sindh once reverted
back to Police Act 1861 but
again it repealed and promulgated
Police Order 2002.

Conclusion:

The police system is
established since the subcontinent
and many reforms were constituted
with the passage of time. Provinces
adopted their own laws later
according to change in society.
However, there is need for
many reforms in police

organization for the better working
of the department. So, that the
law and order situation can be
maintained and curtail the crimes
in the Pakistan.
