

How did objective resolution of 1949 lay the foundational framework for constitutional development in Pakistan, and why is it considered a significant step towards defining the ideological boundaries of the state?

### Introduction:

Objective resolution was moved into the assembly on 7th March, 1949 by the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Liaquat Ali Khan. The resolution was adopted by the country Assembly on 12 March, 1949. It was a document that laid down the foundation of the constitution of Pakistan. On the basis of the principles of objective resolution, the constitution of Pakistan was to be framed. Along with that, the document legally ensured Pakistan to be an Islamic country, that will run on the principles and guidelines of Islam.

### Objective Resolution: A Substantial Step Towards Constitution Making:

A first substantial step towards the constitution making was taken in the form of objective resolution. It laid

down the basic principles upon which the constitution of Pakistan was to be framed.

These are three constitutions in the history of Pakistan and all these constitutions have one thing in common, that is the Objective resolution.

### Principles of Objective Resolution: Foundation of Constitution Making

Objective resolution is the foundational basis of constitution and no entity can override it. Following are the principles of objective resolution that serves as the foundational basis.

#### 1) Sovereignty: In the

According to the document, sovereignty of the whole universe belongs to Allah Almighty. Power will be exercised by the people as a sacred trust. Whereas in the other countries of the world sovereignty belongs to public.

#### 2) Independent Judiciary:

Independence of judiciary is of utmost importance in the objective resolution to ensure the provision of justice to all the citizens equally.

### 3) Islamic way of life:

The document states that Muslims should be allowed to practice their religion and live their lives according to the teachings of Quran and Sunnah.

### 4) Unity of diverse groups:

Interests and lives of the minorities shall be protected. Non Muslims should be independent to practice their religion.

### 5) Establishment of Islamic Principles:

Principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice shall be exercised.

### 6) Federal Form of Government:

State of Pakistan shall comprise a federal form of government with the maximum autonomy for the units.

These basic principles are the part of every constitution. They cannot be removed or violated. Rather the constitutions are derived from it.

## Objective Resolution: Defining the Ideological Boundaries of a State:

Ideological boundaries are the significant part of the country's identity. Ideology is protected by the state with the same importance as the territories of the state are protected.

Ideological boundaries of Pakistan are derived from the Pakistan's ideology that is the Muslims need a separate state to practice their religion freely and live freely.

This ideology of Pakistan is legally and constitutionally ensured by the document as objective resolution.

## Objective Resolution: A First Step Towards the Islamization of the State.

Objective resolution is the document that declares the state of Pakistan as a Islamic state. Constitution and law making is to be within the boundaries of Islam. This progress defines the ideological boundaries of the state of Pakistan.

## 1) Religion of State:

Islam will be the religion of the state with sovereignty lying with Allah Almighty. Only a muslim can be the Head of state of Islamic country.

## 2) Sources of Law:

Quran and Sunnah are considered as the only sources of law. No law can be formulated that violates the Quran and Sunnah.

## 3) Protection of Cultural Identity:

Pakistan came into being on the basis of religion. Its cultural identity needs to be preserved and protected. This is only possible if Pakistan is an Islamic state.

## 4) Islamic Democracy:

Islamic democracy shall be practiced in the state of Pakistan. All citizens are equal in the eye of state without any discrimination.

These ideological boundaries are provided by the objective resolution. In dealing

with the other states of the world these ideologies are not compromised.

However, the ideological boundaries shall not be rigid. They should be made flexible with the fast moving changing world. Principles of Islam should be incorporated with changing dynamics of the world. Rigidity might hinder the country's progress. After the death of the prophet (SAW), Caliphs, also expanded the ideological boundaries that were set previously.

### Conclusion:

Objective resolution is the document of utmost importance for the state of Pakistan. Not only it provides the foundational basis for the constitution. It also set the ideology of the country. It provides the principles and rules that cannot be violated. It serves as the first step and the base for the constitutional development of Pakistan.