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Q No # 2

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Introduction: Shah waliullah is one of the great muslim reformers in the Subcontinent. After the deterioration and fall of Mughal Empire, Muslims were facing cruelties of Marathas and Jatts. Socioeconomic and Political conditions of Muslims were extremely ~~zealous~~ ^{zealous}. Shah waliullah has brought Socioeconomic Reforms and political reforms in the subcontinent.

1) Conditions of the Subcontinent:

The conditions of the subcontinent especially for Muslims was very extreme and ~~poor~~ ^{poor}. ~~They~~ ^{Muslims} were facing cruelties of Jatts and Marathas. As, the fall of the Mughal empire ~~held~~ ^{held}, Muslims were in the hands of Sikhs, Jatts and Marathas they started to treat them as the vulnerable and poor community. Their rights were all violated in the hands of other superior communities.

Poor Social conditions for Muslims in the subcontinent:

The social conditions of Muslims were very foul. Their rights were violated by Sikhs, Marathas and Jatts. They used to treat them as their slaves. All the good and superior positions in the administration were all given to Marathas and Sikhs. Muslims were left with empty hands. Their economic and social conditions were very brutal. They were left with scarce and limited resources.

Poor Economical conditions for Muslims in the subcontinent:

The economical conditions of the Muslims were very bad. Marathas, Jatts and Sikhs imposed heavy taxes on Muslims. Muslims were unable to pay heavy taxes. They used to do a lot of hardwork in the hands of Marathas to pay their taxes. Muslims were in dire need of someone to bring reforms for them.

Religious conditions for Muslims in the subcontinent:

The Religious conditions of Islam in the subcontinent was realous. Religious Mullahs were divided into different Sects- Each of them were Spreading false narrative of Islam. They were of the view that wine is halal in Islam, which is actually prohibited in religion Islam. The actual religious teachings were of no importance. The false teachings were Spreaded everywhere in the subcontinent.

Poor Political conditions for Muslims in the subcontinent:

Political conditions was in danger. Everywhere political unstability was going on. Different tribes riles were going on in order to get power and throne. No rule of law, was obeyed. violation of human rights in the hands of Jatts, Marathas and Sikhs was seen by Shih Waliullah. Muslims were forbidden to join superior positions in Army and other departments.

Life of Shah waliullah:

Shah waliullah was born on 21st feb 1703 in Delhi. He received his early education from his father Syed Abdul Raheem Shah. at Madrasa-i-Rahimyah. ^{Afterwards,} ~~then~~ he moved to Saudi Arabia to receive higher education. Shah waliullah has brought many social, Economical, political and social reforms for Muslims in the subcontinent.

"Shah waliullah was a transitional figure between the medieval and the Modern age" (Freeland Abbott)

Services of Shah waliullah:

Shah waliullah served many reforms for Muslims. His services in the subcontinent were of:

- (i) Social Reforms and Services
- (ii) Political Reforms and Services
- (iii) Religious Reforms and Services
- ~~(iv) Political Reforms and Services~~
- (iv) Educational Reforms and Services.
- (v) Economic Reforms and Services.

Social Services performed by Shah waliullah for Muslims:

As the Mughal Empire was deteriorated, and its fall period was start. Muslims had faced cruel social conditions. Shah waliullah has seen their deterioration, and he started to bring reforms in the subcontinent by writing letters to different Afghan leaders to come and join him in the war against Jatts, Marattas and Sikhs to save Indian Muslims. After reading Shah waliullah's letters Ahmed Shah Abdali (the ruler of the Afghanistan) has gathered many soldiers and started battle of Panipat against Sikhs, Jatts and Marattas. Muslims got victory in this war, in this way Shah waliullah has ~~bring~~ ^{brought} ~~them~~ back lives back to normal. Their social conditions were improved as they came out of the hands of Jatts, Marattas and Sikhs.

Attempt by giving subheadings

Political Services performed by Shah Waliullah in the subcontinent:

The political conditions were not very good for Muslims. As heavy taxes were imposed on Muslims and they were thrown out of the Administrative Services and Departments. Shah Waliullah has wrote letters to many great Emperors and ask them to help him in this mission to bring reforms in the political conditions for Muslims. Many Emperors have replied his letters positively and helped him to bring back political stability in the subcontinent by: decreasing taxes, increasing allocations of Muslims in the services of government. Muslims were given the rights to chose his leader.

Religious Reforms and Services:

The religious conditions in the subcontinent was very disre. Religious leaders were divided into many sects with each having different views of Islam. They were spreading false narratives of Islam and Quran Surah. One of the Reform of Shah Waliullah for religion was that

He translated Quran in Persian language so that people can learn and get right religious education. His son translated Quran in the Urdu language for Muslims. Shah Waliullah has brought Muslims in the right religious path by educating them the right and exact Quranic teachings and Sunnah.

Educational Services performed by Shah Waliullah:

Shah Waliullah has written many books to educate Muslims in the subcontinent. Some of his publications were: *Shahra-al-Mustafa*, *Shahrah-al-Musawa* and *Hujjat-al-Balagh*. From these publications Shah Waliullah has educated many Muslims in the subcontinent.

Economic Services Performed by Shah Waliullah:

Shah Waliullah has abolished heavy taxes which were previously imposed by Jats and Marathas on Muslims.

He gave his ~~one~~ ^{four} points economic policy in order to bring reforms in the economy these were:

- (i) The first principle was that the peoples who are living in their geography, have access to their resources.
- (ii) The second principle was that, wealth should not be in specific hands, it should be distributed.
- (iii) Everyone has given equal opportunities and treated fairly.
- (iv) If the above three principles were be obeyed, then our society would be prospered.

Conclusion: After the fall of Mughal Empire Muslims has faced many hardships socially, economically and politically. Shah Jahanallah brought many social, political, economical and religious reforms for the Muslims in the subcontinent.