

Q. No. 1

Critically examine the policies of the Congress Ministries of 1937? How it paved the way for separate Muslim homeland in India. Explain.

INTRODUCTION:

Muslims ruled the sub-continent for centuries. After the War of Independence, 1857, the sun set to Muslim empire. The next ninety years, British ruled the sub-continent. However, In these ninety years, Hindus made significant development in every field of life and they got an opportunity to rule almost nine provinces ^{in sub-continent} after 1937 elections. During this short period of Hindu rule, Congress ministries relentlessly suppressed the Muslims through their policies, Hindi made a national language, Vidya Mandir scheme etc. These anti-Muslim policies made Muslims cautious about their future and paved the

way for separate homeland.

Congress Ministries

The Congress won 706 out of 1171 seats and made government in seven provinces. Initially, ~~the~~ the Congress did not set up ministries for about four months while demanding British government not to interfere in its legislative affairs. However, the Congress Ministries form under 1935 India act in July 1937.

Bitter Policies of Congress Ministries

The Congress policies posed a significant challenge to the future of Muslim of sub-continent and made them realize that if Hindu ruled the subcontinent after the British expell, Muslim

would lose the social and culture identity. These policies were in following flow chart

Policies of the Congress Ministries

- Hindi became the national language
- Bande Matram became the national anthem
- Construction of new mosque banned
- Muslim were harassed in their religious practices
- Their trade and agriculture were a target of Hindu's

Education (Future + Identity)

- Educational reforms were purely anti-Muslim in spirit
- To displace the idea of two nation theory from minds of Muslim
- Vidya Mandal Scheme:
Promoting Hindu culture by making Mandal education necessary
- Muslim were expelled from government offices

How Congress Policies Paved the Way for Separate Muslim Homeland

The brutal congress policies paved the way for separate Muslim homeland in India through political Mayhems and effecting nationalism and muslim identity.

Political Mayhems:

1. Congress Ministries had been working only for the welfare of Hindu community
2. Reversing the previous 700 year Muslim rule over them
3. Huge dismay and massive Hindu-Muslim riots

Resultantly, muslims felt that they would be marginalized if they would not have raised the voice.

Effecting Nationalism and Muslim Identity

The policies of Congress Ministries paved the way for separate homeland through following reasons:

1. Strengthening two nation theory
2. Strengthening ideology that Muslim are separate on the basis of Religion
3. Hindu education was not acceptable by Muslim
4. INC flag not Muslim Flag
5. Mander Scheme is not acceptable because it was against the Muslim norms
6. Muslim realize that they can't live under Hindu Rule
7. ~~HA~~ Urdu cannot be left opting Hindi as national language

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Conclusion:

The congress policies after 1937 elections paved the way for the separate homeland of Muslim in India, as these policies - Vidya Mardar Scheme, Banday Matram, Hindi as national language etc. - were against the Muslim culture and brutally suppressed the Muslim economically, socially and educationally. Consequently, ~~Mus~~ Muslim realized that they could not live under rule of congress in future. Thus, they demanded separate nation.

