

Question :-

Pakistan Resolution is considered as a milestone in Pakistan movement. Explain in detail.

Introduction

The Lahore Resolution, also known as Pakistan's Resolution, is indeed considered a pivotal milestone in the Pakistan movement, marking a crucial step towards the eventual creation of the independent state of Pakistan. The resolution was passed on March 23, 1940, during the annual session of the All India Muslim League held in Lahore.

Preface

The demand for a separate nation for Muslims in British India had

been growing in response to perceived political, social and economic injustices faced by Muslims, within the larger framework of a United India. Abdul Jabbar Khari and Professor Abdul Sattar Khari (Khari brothers) and many more proposed the partition of India.

"It is impossible for two conflicting cultures to co-exist. A clash between the two is inevitable."

► Fazal Karim Khan, The Future of Islam in India, Feb 1929.

Resolution and Key Points

The Pakistan Resolution was presented by Fazal-ul-Haq, the Prime Minister of Bengal, and seconded

by Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman a prominent muslim league leader. The Resolution called for the establishment of "independent status" in muslim league majority areas of the Indian subcontinent.

Key Points



- ▶ muslim identity
- ▶ separate status
- ▶ minority rights
- ▶ federal structure

▶ Recognition of muslim Identity:

The Resolution recognized muslims as a distinct nation based on their religious, cultural and historical heritage. It emphasized that muslims had their own distinct

identity, language and culture which set them apart from other communities in India.

► Demand for separate status:

The Resolution demanded the creation of independent state in region where Muslims were in majority. Muslims have separate identity, they should be given a separate state to safeguard their culture, tradition and language.

► Protection of minority rights:

The Resolution emphasized the need to protect the rights and interests of minorities in the proposed independent states.

► Federal structure:-

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proposed a federal structure for the future states, where the central government would have limited powers and the provinces or units would enjoy autonomy in their internal affairs.

Impact and significance

The adoption of the Pakistan Resolution had profound implications for the Pakistan movement and the struggle for a separate nation. It can be seen as a turning point for several reasons:

- ▶ Idea of separate Nation
 - ▶ Unity
 - ▶ A Tool
 - ▶ Historical precedent
 - ▶ lead to Independence
- ▶ Popularization of the idea

of separate nations :-

The Resolution brought the demand for separate homeland for Muslims. It effectively popularized the idea of separate state for Muslims to safeguard their political, economic and cultural rights.

► Unity and Political Mobilization

The adoption of the resolution provided a unifying platform for Muslims across the Indian sub continent.

► A Negotiating Tool :-

The Pakistan Resolution served as a powerful negotiating tool for the Muslim League during subsequent constitutional discussions with the British and the Indian National Congress.

It became the basis for demanding the creation of Pakistan.

► Historical Precedent:-

The Resolution established a historical precedent and a strong foundation for separate Muslim state. It gave a clear direction, provided with a coherent vision to pursue in their struggle for independence.

► Path to Independence:-

The vision outlined in the Pakistan Resolution eventually materialized with the establishment of Pakistan on August 14, 1947 as an independent state for Muslims.

Conclusion

The Pakistan Resolution was a

watershed moment that crystallized the demand for a separate muslim state and set in motion the events that led to the creation of Pakistan. It remains a symbol of the aspirations and struggles to the muslims of the Indian sub continent for the political autonomy and religious freedom.
