

Question: Pakistan Resolution of 1940 is termed as Magna Carta of Pakistan Movement. Elucidate.

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→ Introduction:

The historical passing of Pakistan resolution in 1940 is regarded as an integral part of Pakistan movement which was successful in transcribing a separate status to Muslims. This achievement of objective presents an enormous similarity with Magna Carta of 1215 that was primarily based on devolution of power and stating that law is above all. Hence, on the terms of bearing resemblance the latter can be compared Lahore Resolution can be stated as Magna Carta of Pakistan Movement.

→ Pakistan Resolution of 1940 as Magna Carta of Pakistan Movement:

(i) Pakistan Resolution was able to legitimise the All India Muslim League Demand:

Pakistan Resolution of 1940 was

successful in providing a formal platform for the politically articulated two-nation theory. It was now an official demand of Indian Muslims presented by their representative organisation to counter demand of Indian National Congress of a united India after Britians left.

(ii) Pakistan Resolution provided a vision and roadmap:

Like Magna Carta, Pakistan Resolution was able to provide a guiding vision and framework for the leaders to carry on with. According to Stanley Wolpert, this moment earmarked the transition of Jinnah from Hindu-Muslim ambassador to Qaid-e-Azam.

(iii) Pakistan Resolution was able to propagate the idea of seperate homeland for Muslim minorities.

Pakistan Resolution was initially named as Lahore Resolution.

but the growing influence of this historical movement was a pressurised the hindu media to spread the use of word Pakistan. Indirectly Resolution the Lahore Resolution was able to ~~cope~~ capitalise to ~~capitalize~~ this opportunity to spread the name for separate homeland. Thus, like Magna Carta, this resolution was able to cater minorities and negate concentration of power.

(iv) The text of Resolution resisted the concentration of power:

Pakistan Resolution clearly rejected the presence of the Federal system under Government of India Act 1935. ~~It~~ This ~~policy~~ The proclaimed absentionation of Muslim leaders from accepting Federal sys Government of India Act 1935 was solely based on the reason to secure equal representation for Muslim. Thus, Thus, similar to Magna Carta, Pakistan Resolution was

able to stand firm against the exploitation of law by the apparent kings "Hindus and Britishers" of Subcontinent of that time.

(v) Pakistan Resolution ensured the inclusivity of minority Muslims:
Pakistan Resolution ~~is~~ explicitly mentioned in the text that no amendment in constitution or revision in constitutional plan would be acceptable unless the inclusivity of Muslims is ensured. This act was done to safeguard the manoeuvring of rights of minority by the majority party of that time. Hence, Resolution was able to protect the minority as seen through the enactment of Magna Carta.

(vi) Pakistan Resolution demanded equal sovereignty and autonomous position for Muslims:
Pakistan ~~was~~ Resolution was able

to demand for equity in autonomous
sovereignty for the Muslim minorities
For this purpose it demanded the
land with geographical congruity to
be gathered into a separate homeland.

This unequivocal demand for
sovereignty and autonomy of
Muslim minorities speaks volume for
the similarity it possess with Magna
Carta demanding equality for Barons
against king of that time.

⇒ Critical Analysis:

Lahore Resolution later on termed
as Pakistan Resolution bears enormous
similarity with Magna Carta and
can be tagged as Magna Carta of
Pakistan Movement. The basis on
which this Resolution was passed
and the consequences of this Resolution
are in aligned with the historical context
of ~~the~~ Magna Carta. Display of agitational
politics by Muslim Indian National
Congress, the historical role of

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Congress from 1937-1939 and the behaviour of Britain at the end of world war instigated this Resolution to take place. The consequence of Resolution in acting as a legal potent framework for Muslim Minority to win equity and autonomy is acts as a sufficient base for Pakistan Resolution to be presented as Magna Carta of Pakistan Movement.

Conclusion:

Pakistan movement was able to help the minorities to stand on equal footing with the rest of population and it acted as a bulwark against the exploitation of legal plan by the rulers of that time. Hence, Resolution termed law to be above all and demanded equality for Muslims.