

Q:- Nehru Report has created more problems than solving the communal issues. Elucidate.

I. Introduction

The political struggle of politicians in the history of Indian sub-continent had observed the significant developments as per the rapidly changing circumstances. Nehru Report is one such development, which was deemed crucial for solving the Hindu-Muslim problems. However, the reality is far from this. Instead of solving issues among the communities, it had widened the gap further depicting the hidden intentions of Hindus regarding the domination of the sub-continent. Thus, Nehru report was not upto the requirement of rapprochement among different segments of the sub-continent.

—Nehru Report is in fact threatening the interests of the Muslims. Instead of solving problems,

it has widened the
gulf between Muslims
and Hindus. —

(Sir Agha Khan)

II. Conceptualizing the key features of Nehru Report

i- Future status of Indian sub-continent

It was decided in the Nehru report that the India would be a dominion state where kingship would have a loose association.

ii- The form of government

Federal system of government was preferred for the sub-continent. However, the residuary power will be vested in the centre.

iii- The provision of relative provincial autonomy

It was said that relative provincial autonomy will be granted. It means that not all provinces will get

autonomy.

iv- The representation of Muslims in the Central Legislature

There will be one-fourth representation of Muslims in the central legislature. Prior representation of $\frac{1}{3}$ rd was rejected.

v- Feature regarding separation of Sindh from Bombay

With regard to the separation of Sindh from Bombay, a commission will analyze the economic autarky of Sindh. If Sindh members are financially stable to govern the province then it would be decided after majority vote in the assembly.

vi- The kind of reforms in NWFP and Balochistan

Reforms will be granted in NWFP and Balochistan but in step-wise manner.

Basic Reforms

→ Followed By →

Political Reforms

III- How Nehru report has created more problems than solving communal issues?

Nehru report has widened the gulf between Muslims and Hindus. According to Quaid-e-Azam,

— "As far as the precept of Nehru Report is concerned, I am totally against it. It is threatening and prejudicial to the interests of the Muslims." —
Quaid-e-Azam

i- Residuary power vested in the Centre directing towards Hindu domination

Residuary power vested in the Centre in federal system means the concentration of power would be in Hindus hands thus culminating in communal problems.

ii- One-fourth representation of Muslims
in Centre depicting their marginalization
One-fourth representation of Muslims
in the centre will mean their
complete annihilation from important decision
making subjects.

iii- Relative provincial autonomy would
guarantee more authority to Hindu-
dominated regions
Hindus due to their majority
in centres will prefer to give
autonomy to those provinces with Hindu-
dominating areas resulting in the aggravation
of communal riots.

iv- Committee regarding separation of Sindh
is in Hindu interests
Because of the Muslim majority
area of Sindh, the suggestion of committee
has taken place. If Sindh was
Hindu-dominating region, then immediate
separation would have taken place.

V- Basic reforms in Muslims dominating NWFP and Balochistan will hardly direct towards political reforms

It was against the interests of Muslims. Basic reforms include, health, education, and infrastructure. This clause has the hidden meaning that political ~~and~~ reforms would not be given. Despite the fact that Bihar and Orissa provinces were given political autonomy to Hindus and no basic reforms was given at that time. This should ^{have} also given in NWFP and Balochistan.

V- Conclusion

In a nutshell, Nehru report was envisaged as solving the problems of constitutional stagnation in the sub continent. However, it has generated more communal problems in the form of reducing Muslim representation in the centre, relative provincial autonomy and concentration of power in the centre. According to Sir Agha Khan,

"No intellectual minded person can ever imagine that

Muslims can accept
the Nehru Report by
envisaging its real
intension. ”

(Sir Agha Khan)