

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

Q1: Allama Iqbal Presidential Address 1930

Introduction:

Allama Iqbal was the first person who present the idea of separate homeland. According to him the ideal state is a state free from the Hindu majority. His idea for a separate state resonated with the sentiments of the Muslims living there. He is the great supporter of two-nation theory. As he said:

"The preservation of muslim culture, heritage and political influence from Indian Hindus majority".

His memorable address in Allahabad 1930 was the influencing address that helped the Muslims to create Pakistan. Following are the reasons that arise the desire of a separate homeland.

1- Separate Recognition of Muslims:

Allama Iqbal was against the congress policy of nationalism with geography. He stated that India is not a country but it is a subcontinent where human beings belong to different culture, they have different languages and practice different religions. And Muslims as a nation have different religion. The democracy is now seized taken over by the

British and Hindus and the powers of minority are not free but in hands of majority.

Iqbal view on this was that any government of any type is one of the determining forces of a peoples character and loss of political power is ruining any nation.

2- Concept of Separate Muslim State:

Iqbal gave the roadmap to protect and safeguard the identity and culture of Muslims in India. He said: 'I want to see Punjab, Sindh, North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan in the form of a single homogenous state.'

3- Acclamation of Idea of Single Nation:

Allama Iqbal said that I always remained the supporter of a single nation but now I understand and there is a need of separate nation hood for Hindu and Muslims. Single nation is a concept that seems to be poetic but is impractical.

4- Concept of Two Nation Theory:

He said that Hindus and Muslims are separate identities by their culture, religion, their ideologies are different so there is a need of separate Parliament for both nations.

5- Explanation of Relation of Islam and Politics:

Islam the religion that does not consider matter and soul separate from each other and Allah, Universe and state are the basic elements of single unit. He pointed that all nations living in subcontinent should be allowed to govern themselves.

6 - Islam is a complete code of life:

Religion of Muslim, Islam is not the name of of some beliefs and customs but it is a complete code of life. In Islamic universe, soul, matter, state, body all are related to other and are bounded by each other while in west body and soul mean religion ~~and~~ is a personal matter. So muslims are separate and one nation.

7 - Opposition of Nationalism:

I am opposing the concept of Nationalism not because it is allowed to develop in India but the reason behind this is, it is less likely to bring less material gain to Muslims. I am against because I can see the atheistic materialism which is a greatest danger to modern humanity.

8 - Foundation of Pakistan:

While addressing the session, you have selected a man who is not despaired of Islam as a living force for freeing the outlook of man from its geographical

limitations, who believes that religion is the utmost importance in the life of a person.

9- Against the socialism of Hindu leadership:

Muslims did not give much good response to the aesthetic socialism of Nehru and there is the solution of enforcement of Islamic law and can be possible but the enforcement of Shariah of Islam is impossible without a separate Muslim state.

10- Views of Iqbal on Nationalism and originating of Pakistan Movement:

Indian Nationalism is becoming cause of division as it is not giving importance to Islam and the rejection of Nationalism is to protect the Islam.

This concept became popular as Pakistan Movement.

Iqbal not only presented the idea of separate nation but motivate them and established the concept of ideological nationalism which later become the 2-Nation theory of Qaid-e-Azam and goal of Muslims to make a separate homeland now named as Pakistan.

Conclusion:

The Iqbal ideas of separate nation on the basis of freedom of practically follow the religion Islam and opposing the Indian Nationalism give rise the momentum to Muslims about the necessity of separate Homeland.