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2018, Discuss the 3rd June Plan or Mountbatten Plan and also describe how it was implemented?

Outline

Introduction:

3rd June Plan was an outcome of Muslims' demand for independent/separate state and Hindus' struggle for transfer of power. Secondly, decision was made to end colonialism after WWII.

The Plan of the Country's Independence.

In view of growing hostilities between Muslims and Hindus, the Mountbatten announced 3rd June Plan for partition of India. Under the 3rd June Plan, the British Government would transfer power to the two successor authorities, the Congress and Muslim League.

Salient features of 3rd June Plan.

- ⇒ Independence of India and Pakistan.
- ⇒ Constitutional assemblies would be set-up in each country to frame new constitution.
- ⇒ Princely states were given the right to join either Pakistan or India.
- ⇒ Referendum would be held for provinces.
- ⇒ Boundary Commission would be set to demarcate the border.
- ⇒ Power would be transferred from British to new governments.

4. Acceptance of Plan:

Both the Congress committee and Muslim League Council endorsed the plan.

5. The Result of the Referendum:

→ The Provincial assemblies of Punjab and Bengal voted in favour of partition.

→ The people of Sindh decided to join Pakistan.

→ The people of the Frontier Province overwhelmingly decided to join Pakistan.

→ The majority of members of the Sindh Provincial Assembly voted for Pakistan.

→ Balochistan also decided to join Pakistan.

6. The formation of Boundary Commission.

Consisted of four members from Indian National Congress and four from Muslim League with Sir Cyril Radcliffe as its chair.

7. The Decision of the Bengal Boundary Commission

8. The Decision of the Punjab Boundary Commission.

9. The Independence Act: Birth of Pakistan.