

Pakistan Affairs

Q Congress (1937 elections),
congress rule 1937-39,
popularizing the idea of
separate Muslim State.

Ans Introduction:

The elections 1937 were held under the Government of India Act 1935. Congress as well as Muslim League participated in these elections. Ultimately, congress was able to form government in India. However, the Muslim sufferings had been increased under the 27-month rule of congress.

“The rule of congress ministries in India

was a rising tide of political Hinduism”

William Baston

Congress who was claiming as the sole party of India behaved badly with the Muslims under their rule. Due to this men, the idea of a separate Muslim State popularized.

2 Elections 1937 in India:

Under The Government of India Act 1935, elections were held in India.

The top two political parties, Congress and Muslim League also participated but the result was beyond their high expectations

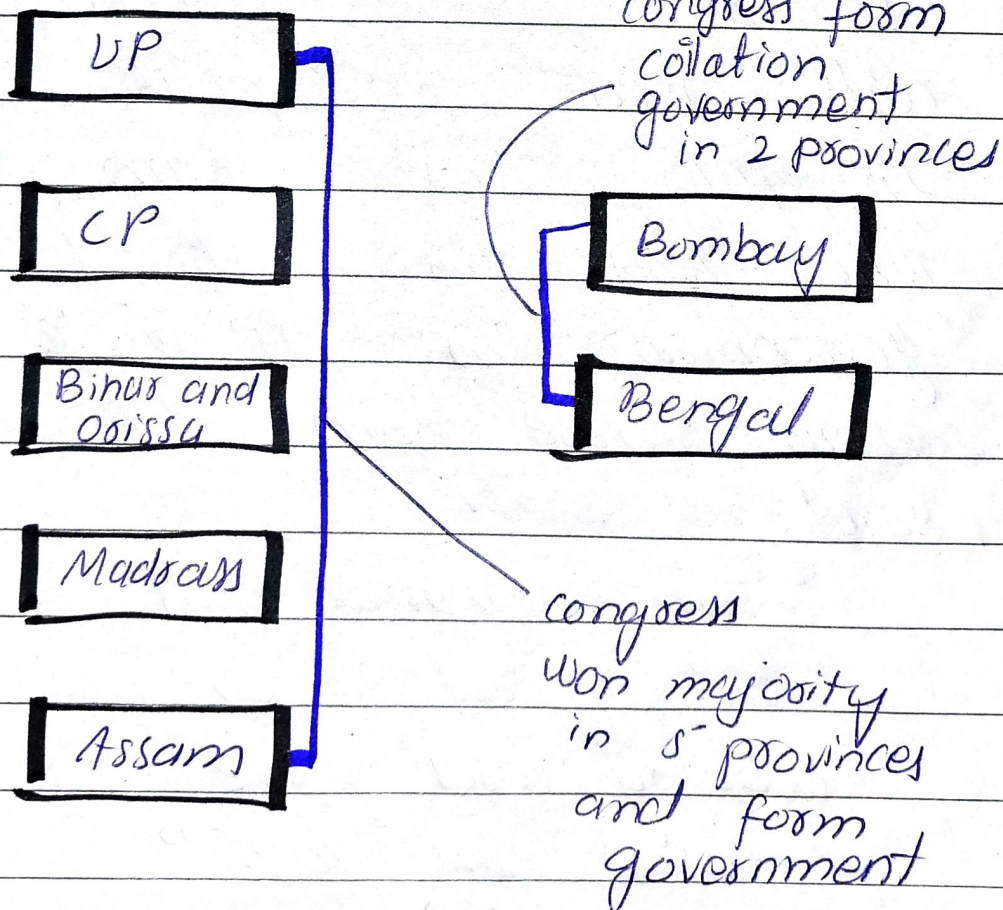
• Result of 1937 elections

Congress	Muslim League
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Won 706 seats out of 1771	Won 107 seats out of 406

3 Formation of Congress government under British Rule:

As the result was not much satisfactory for Congress but it was able to form government in eight out of total eleven provinces

Congress government



4, Congress rule in India and its atrocities

As congress had formed the government in eight provinces but its atrocities on the Muslims were uncountable.

(A) Communal Riots:

Under congress rule in India during the period, 1937-39, the communal riots were on peak.

In fact Yeast Brown who was the part of government in UP wrote about these riots. He said:

“The communal riots were trippled in UP, robbery cases were increased by 70%.”

(B) Bande Mataram Song:

different songs were played during school assemblies and in meetings. One of these song is Bande Mataram song.

This song included:

such verses
which were
against Islam

The struggle for Pakistan
by I.H. Quashi

(C) Wardha Scheme:

This scheme was also against the sentiments of Muslims. In such scheme Muslims were taught about the heroes of Hindus and were asked to praise them.

(D) Vidiya Mandar Scheme:

These was another scheme to humiliate the Muslims that was Vidiya Mandar Scheme.

In that Scheme

Muslims were asked to bow before the picture of Ghandi

(E) Hositing three coloured flag:

Hindus set their flag with British flag to show that there are just two nations in India - The Britishers and The Hindus.

(F) Banned cow slaughtering:

Hindus under the congress

rule showed their real face. They had put bars on cow slaughtering. Just to secure their interest and sentiments they ruined the sentiments of Muslims.

I. H. Qureshi rightly said: "The congress rule is not the rule, it is the oligarchy of Congress in India"

(G) Azan was prohibited.

Azan was prohibited in those provinces where the congress was in power. Pigs were pushed into mosques where the Muslims were offering prayers.

(H) Replacement of Urdu with Hindi:

Congress did its utmost effort to replace Urdu with Hindi language. Many historians wrote that Urdu was the first brick in the foundation of Pakistan.

5. How congress rule popularized the idea of separate Muslim state:

All of the aforementioned reasons and the atrocities were responsible for popularizing the idea of separate Muslim state. Muslims realized that congress never allow to give their due share. So, idea for a separate

homeland popularized.
(A) End of congress rule:

WW II had started

Britishers entered India without the consent of Indians and demand cooperation

As a result congress left the government

Muslims breathed a sigh of relief

Quaid-e-Azam asked them to celebrate day of deliverance Dec 22, 1939

(B) Impact of congress rule on Muslims:

The following were the major impacts

- ① Muslims who supported congress realized their mistake
- ② The demand for the separate state popularized
- ③ Real face of congress revealed

6 Critical Analysis:

The congress rule ended but the Muslims during this rule became aware of the real face of congress. It was said that congress considered Muslims as impure and treated them badly.

1 Conclusion:

The results of the elections 1937 were shocking for both Muslim League and Congress but the congress rule during 1937-39 was eye opening for the Muslims of the sub-continent. They realized the fact that there is no other solution except the separate state for Muslims.

"The congress rule in India was same as the rule of Nazi party in Germany"

K.K. Aziz