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INTRODUCTION:

Hajjat-ul-Wada - The last Sermon of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is an imperative documents for the Muslims as well as the whole humankind. This last sermon of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) imparted the message of humanity and fairness beyond the religious identity. Islam has always been first to declare human rights, women rights and economic rights. Thus, in this sermon of last Prophet, the declaration for universal peace i.e. end of racism and protection of economic rights. These aspects are also relevant in the modern-day society.

THE LAST SERMON OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (P.B.U.H)

During the last sermon, the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) delivered a religious speech, called "Khutba". In this, Prophet imparted message focused on elimination of racism and superiority, completion of Allah's command and economic rights. These are imperative in the modern day society.

RACISM IN MODERN SOCIETY:

The racism is prevalent in today's modern day society. In almost every part of the world, the racism is observed. In this regard, the Prophet Muhammad had delivered his

message during the last Sermon.

"No Arab is superior to non-Arab. Nor a Non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab. A White has no superiority over black. Nor a black has any superiority over white. Except by piety and good action. All humans are offspring of Adam and All Muslims constitutes one brotherhood.

This Prophet's statement rejects all sort of racism either based on race, or colour. Thus, the Islam has always restricted any racism and upheld equality.

The Prophet considered every human equal as they all are children of Hazrat Adam (A.S).

RELEVANCE : This Sermon has significant relevance to modern day racism. The racist ideas such as, "White man's burden" and "Black-lives matter" are one of the examples in this regard.

By considering the last Sermon speech as an addressing aspect to this racism, it can be seen that it is significant. The last Sermon, Prophet denied the superiority of ~~B~~ White over black and vice versa.

Thus, the oppression towards particular civilization's people or subjugation of black-people is completely denied and restricted

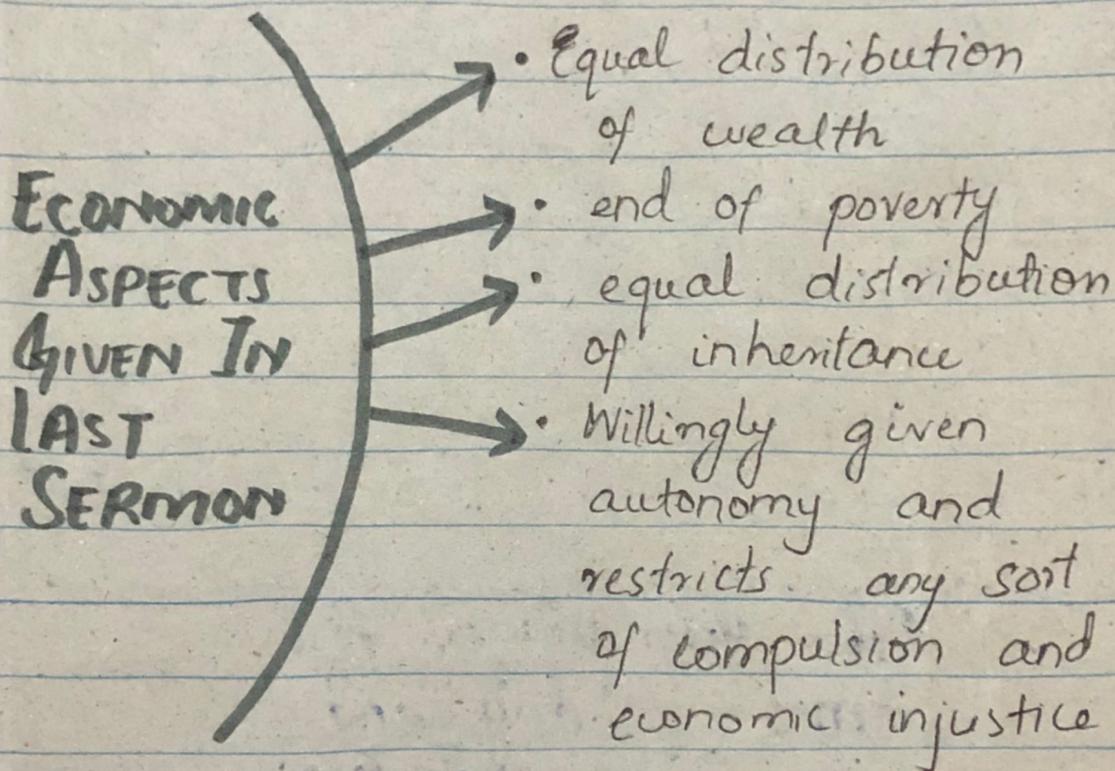
in Islam. Therefore, this Hajjat-ul-Wada is prudent in addressing modern day's racism menace.

ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION IN MODERN SOCIETY:

The economic exploitation is one of the prudent challenges in modern day society. As Raul Prebisch classified world into North (core/exploitative) and South (periphery/dependant) countries. The economic imperialism is divided into these domains. In this regard, the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) said in his last Sermon that,

“Offer your prayers five times a day and give Zakat. Perform Hajj, if you can afford it. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim until it is given freely and willingly.”

In the above statement of Prophet's last Sermon refers to economic management. This includes giving Zakat, inheritance rights and economic compulsion.



RELEVANCE: Currently, the world is defined by economic hierarchies. The wealth is concentrated in the hands of few. The poverty is growing despite having adequate resources. Additionally, the economic

injustice is prevalent. These all issues are addressed in the Last Sermon of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). The Zakat eradicates poverty and ensures equal distribution of wealth. Whereas, the economic compulsion is restricted, this will lead to fair and just economic possession. Since, the wealth is considered a test as stated by Allah in Quran,

“Your wealth and children are only a test”
- Surah Taghabun

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the Islam is a complete code of life. This has also addressed the prevalent challenges of the

society in every civilization including the modern day society. The extremism based on racism and economic exploitation are explicitly addressed in Quran as well as in the last Sermon of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).