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QUESTION # 02

Explain in detail Congress Rule from 1937-1939 as a forerunner to creation of Pakistan in 1947.

Answer

INTRODUCTION:

Congress Rule from 1937 to 1939 was undoubtedly been regarded as a unique episode in the modern political history of subcontinent. It has been marked an era of atrocities of congress ministries against muslims.

The oppression and suppression of congress Rule gave an impetus to establishment of a separate homeland and it evoked a sense of identity among

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Muslims. Congress' conspiracies against All India Muslim League, Nehru's Mass contact campaign, educational erosion of muslim community, religious interference and humiliating conditions of AIML in United Provinces resulted in creation of Pakistan in 1947. As a result of Congress' tyrannical rule, the nationalist leaders of AIML emerged as secessionist leaders.

Congress Rule 1937 - 1939 :

An Overview:

The British government convened three Round Table Conferences at London from 1930 to 1932. These three conferences resulted in the formation of Government of India Act 1935. Both Congress and Muslim League have apprehensions about this act but they decided to participate in 1937 elections. Congress got

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Congress Rule 1937-1939

Round Table Conferences
1930-1932

Govt. of India
Act 1935

Elections of
1937

Congress formed government
in eight provinces

After the emergence of
Congress in eight provinces,
the Muslims became oppressed
and suppressed. The ingenious
acts of Congress ministries
resulted in the creation
of a separate country for
Muslims where they could
live as per teachings
of Islam and Prophet
(SAW).

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Congress Atrocities — An Impetus to Creation of Pakistan in 1947:

As Congress emerged to rule, its aim was to destroy All India Muslim League. It left no stone unturned to debilitate the core foundation of AIML. The Congress Rule has been hailed as a period of conspiracies and atrocities against Muslims which are as follows:

(1) Congress Refusal to Form Coalition Government with AIML:

The leaders of All India Muslim League tried their best to abridge the unbridgeable gulf between Hindus and Muslims through conciliation and

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constitutional was. However, Congress refused to form coalition with AIML and government to give muslims the right of separate electorate.

(2) AIML's Humiliating

Conditions in UP And Assam:

During its rule, Congress downgraded the role of AIML by humiliating it in United Province and Assam. As expounded by I. H. Qureshi in his book "A Short History of Pakistan", "The agreement between Muslims and Hindus in UP will throw a shadow on whole of subcontinent". Congress wanted to abolish AIML's Parliament in UP and conversion of AIML's assembly members in Congress Party members. Moreover, Congress toppled the government of Sir Saad-Ullah in Assam.

(3) Educational Errosion of

Muslims:

During the period of 1937 - 1939, Congress introduced a Tricolour Flag Taranga as a national flag and made it compulsory to sing Bande Mataram.

Wardha Educational Scheme

→ Co-education and music classes

Widhya Mandir Scheme

→ To Study Hindi and Marhatti

(4) Religious Interference:

Congress prohibited Muslims to practise religious rituals. The cow slaughtering was prohibited and Criminal laws were introduced for the defiance of it. In addition to it, muslims were not allowed to offer prayers.

(5) Economic Exploitation:

Congress Ministries adopted a discriminatory attitude towards Muslims. The doors of material prosperity and economic opportunities were closed for Muslims.

(6) Nehru's Mass Contact Campaigns:

Congress established direct links with Muslims and it also hired Moulvis to soften the hearts and narrow minds of Muslims against Hindus. Shuddhi Movement was started to convert Muslims into Hindus.

(7) Eruption of Communal

Violence:

57 Communal riots erupted between Muslims and Hindus with 1100 casualties.

In nutshell, all the aforementioned factors led the Muslims towards disillusionment against Hindus, exposed the Hindu's exclusive mentality and forged the sense of nationalism. It was the beginning of Pakistan Movement and urged Muslims to step forward for the creation of Pakistan in 1947.

Conclusion:

Conclusively, the era of 1937 to 1939 is marked as dictatorial and despotic period of Congress Rule. Muslims were subjugated to Hindus. The oppressive and aggressive attitude of Hindus made Muslims aloof to joint Nationalism and hence, it paved the way of Muslims alienation from Hindu yoke of Indra.

QUESTION #01

Ideology of Pakistan is essentially the confluence of Muslim Nationalism in South Asia and Islamic Code of Life. Explain.

Answer

INTRODUCTION:

The ideology marks a unique significance in the creation of Pakistan. Pakistan is created on the basis of forceful movement which was based upon the ideology. Muslims of sub-continent were well aware of their rituals and Islamic teachings so it gives birth to a separate ideology.

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which resulted in the establishment of a separate homeland for the Muslims of South Asia - Ideologically, Muslims were a separate entity and socio-culturally different from Hindu compatriots. So, Muslims of South Asia wanted to practice their life as per teachings of Islam.

The conversion of first muslim was insignificant. What was significant, the birth of an ideology. Individuals die but ideologies do not.

(M. Ali Jinnah)

Dive Deep Into The Ideology of Pakistan

Without consciousness, there is no nation - A nation must have consciousness and a system of ideas. Quaid Azam was a staunch supporter of Nationalism but at

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In 1941, Quaid said, "The ideology of Muslim League would be Islam."

Hence, it is expounded that ideology of Pakistan is essentially the confluence of Muslim Nationalism in South Asia and Islam as a code of life. Quaid explained Nationalism in his words as:

"Muslims of India are a nation according to any definition of nation in the world. A nation lives on land, it does not live in air. It must have a territory. This is what we want."

(1) Hindu - Muslim Cleavages And

Muslim Nationalism:

Hind - muslim rifts were reached at the peak point in the sub-continent.

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Muslims were treated unjustly and considered as minority. They left Muslims with no other option but to establish a separate country and hence it gave birth to Muslim nationalism, the joint action and struggle to create Pakistan.

(2) Western Concept of Nationalism

And Islam as A Complete Code

of Life

The leaders of Muslim Community in sub-continent denounce the western concept of nationalism and presented that Islam provides a complete code of life. There is no bifurcation between matter and spirit, church and state. So, ideology of Pakistan is a well blend of Muslim nationalism and Islamic teachings.

(3) Universalism of Islam -

Basis of Ideology of Pakistan:

Islam is a universal religion. Its teachings are not time and space bound. Muslims joined hands on the basis of religion, so, the anchoring support of ideology of Pakistan is Islam and its teachings. Allama Iqbal about Pan-Islamism stated that:

“Muslims should unequivocally declare themselves as a nation, separate from other nations and they want to live as such!”

(4) Nexus of Theory Two

Nation Theory And Ideology of Pakistan

The protagonists of Two Nation Theory explicitly

stated that Muslims are a separate nation. They cannot amalgamate in Hindu India. Islam is a culture producing force which provides the very foundation of muslim nationalism and ideology of Pakistan.

“Muslims and Hindus belong to different religious philosophies, social customs and literature. They neither intermarry, nor inter-dine.”

(Quaid-e-Azam)

(5) Spirit of Humanism:

Adoption of humanistic values is the very spirit of Islam which gave boost to ideology of Pakistan and muslim nationalism of South Asia. The ideology of Pakistan was based upon that Muslims wanted

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to live their life
following Prophet (SAW) and
adopting Islam as
a complete code of
life.

Muslims should infuse
Islam in their individual
and collective life to
build a strong
country.

(Allama Iqbal)

(6) Muslims Exclusive Separation

From Hindus - A Thrust

To Muslim Nationalism

Initially unionist, later
became separatists - Hindus
oppressed Muslims during
their congress rule
in 1937 and 1939
which pushed Muslims
to gather at one
platform - It gave
rise to Pakistan
Movement which became

basis for ideology of
Pakistan.

I would like to see
Punjab, NWFP, Sindh
and Balochistan
amalgamated into a
single state.

(Allama Iqbal)

The geographical basis
of Pakistan were
also highlighted
by Iqbal in his
Address.

Conclusion:

Cutting the long debate short,
the ideology of Pakistan
is based upon two
factors which are equally
important that include
Muslim Nationalism and
Islam as a code of
life- Islamic teachings
were preserved due to
nationalistic fervour of Muslims
and hence a separate
country is established.