

Question # 2

Congress Rule - 1937-1939

A Forerunner to Creation

of Pakistan - 1947

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Congress Rule - a two years time period of Hindu rule in Sub-continent which is considered to be a founding element of Pakistan in 1947. As it was an eye opening rule for Muslims which previously was in favour of Indian National Congress, or not in support of All India Muslim League. Muslims under Hindu rule got to realize what it would be to be in reality which was perceived in positive way before this. 1937 elections led to Hindu rule brought many difficulties for Muslims as Congress designed many rules, policies which were anti-Muslim. Muslims realized it for the very first time that their survival in united India was not possible by any means after suffering with in hands of Congress Muslims realize that Independent state is not their choice but their necessity without which they would be under continuous subjugation of Hindus. This consciousness led to the creation of Pakistan in 1947. Therefore it can be

Said that Congress Rule which started in 1937 till 1939 paved way for creation of Pakistan in 1947.

B 1937 Elections

In 1937 elections were conducted by British in all sub-continent in order to fulfil demands of Hindus and Muslims in the region. In which out of 11 Provinces Indian National Congress and its ally parties won elections in 8 Provinces and became a majority party. In the result of elections which led to formation of Congress ministries. On the other hand Muslims won only 108 seats out of 496 seats. Moreover, out of 108 seats 58 seats were of UP and remaining only 50 from other Provinces. The elections proved defeat of All India Muslim League miserably.

Reasons Behind Failure of AIML

There were multiple factors which led to All India Muslim League failure in 1937 elections. Such as:

Focus on Muslim Minority Areas

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The main focus of AIML

was to address issues of muslims people living under Hindu majority areas. AIML neglected need of Muslim majority areas. which led to trust deficit of muslims of the living in these areas on AIML. They did not feel any correlation or attachment to AIML vision and policies. which ultimately resulted in AIML failure in 1937 elections.

Weak Network of AIML :-

The leagues offices were not connected with each other properly which hinders its spread and campaigns in sub continent and resulted in election failure.

Aristocratic Outlook :-

Most of the leaders in AIML were Nawabs and landlords. Due to their higher social and economic status they did not have a strong relation and link with common people. There were a huge gap between majority common people and limited Nawabs and landlords. The major chunk of voters were common people. Due to lack of link people did not support AIML in elections.

All above and many other clubs collectively lead to muslim leagues failure in 1937 elections and formation of Congress ministries.

Congress Rule and Difficulties

Faced By Muslims.

1937-1939

Indian National Congress being a majority party was able to get the desired laws promulgated which were able to formulate policies as per the own benefits which were to suppress Muslims. Furthermore - During Hindu rule Muslims faced all kinds of atrocities in sub-continent which were proven by reports prepared by different committees from 1937-1939. Such as "Shereef Report", Fazlul Haq Report, and many other evidences and reports were there to establish evidence of Congress atrocities on Muslims under the rule. Congress formulated many policies which were anti-Muslim. A few of them are listed discussed here.

Ban on Azan

Congress banned Azan in its ministerial orders. Azan - Call of Prayer which has its immense importance in Muslim religion was forgotten by Hindus. While it showed that Congress had did not care for religious sentiments of other religions and its followers.

in subcontinent.

Ban on Slaughtering of Cows.

Cow is considered to be sacred animal in Hinduism. At the same time cow slaughtering is a sacred religious activity of Muslims. Congress in order to please Hindus and subjugate Muslims put ban on cow slaughtering which hurt religious sentiment of Muslims and provoked anti-Congress thoughts in Muslims.

Disturbances During Worships in Mosques

In order to suppress Muslims and to make them subject of religious activities supporters of Indian National Congress and its followers conducted noisy activities around the mosques during "Namaz" time so that Muslims can not perform their religious obligations peacefully. They (Hindus) performed all such activities expressly to hamper Muslim religious sentiment.

Promoting Hindi Languages

In order to curtail Muslims in sub-continent Congress forgotten Urdu language by promoting Hindi as a national language and eliminating Urdu. Congress gave immense importance to Hindi in their policies.

Education Policies:

Congress promoted an education scheme under "Wardha Scheme" which was formulated in a way that there would be no religious education in schools (primary level), which was considered to keep muslim children away from religion (Islam) by muslim parents. Moreover, Gandhi was portrayed as a "Hero" in curriculum. Students were asked to bow in front of portrait (picture) of Gandhi to show respect. All these activities were incorporated to brainwash muslim children and convert them to hinduism.

Wande Matram:

Wande Matram which means that India is a sacred place of Hindus and all others including muslims are outsiders in it. The same was promulgated as a national anthem in substitution.

Congress Rule/Policies - Founding Elements of Pakistan:

Panel Policies of Congress rule 1937-1939 in 1947. Before this muslims

were not united, there was activism going on for rights but not for separate homeland. which was done after muslims suffered in the hands of hindu rulers.

How It is Forerunner of

Distroyed Congren Claim of Unirationalism

Indian national Congren always promoted Unirationalism, a concept of United India where all would live peacefully. But the same was shattered as muslims tasted hindu government and its atrocities establish a sense of separation in muslims. They came to realize that there is no unirationalism and if they would not get separate homeland, their future will be in complete darkness.

Distroyed Congren Claim of Secularism;

Congren always claimed to be a secular party in which religion is not a base of anything. But the same proved wrong when Congren targeted muslim religious sentiments through discriminatory policies and laws such as banning from cow slaughtering, Wardha schemes and so on. Muslims developed a sense of religious subjugation under Congren rule. And a need to protect their religion by establishing separate homeland.

Boosted Muslim Nationalism:

By taking hindu who, a muslims
were disintegrated previously, were
now muslim nationalism spread
sub-continent. It created a reaction
muslims that they are separate
from hindus and can not amalgamate
with them. This sense of separate
nationalism based on religion led to
creation of Pakistan. As now muslim
league was not the one asking for
separate homeland but now it was backed
by a whole united muslim nation. which
ultimately succeeded to achieve separate
homeland in the shape of Pakistan.

Outlook of AIML Changed:

Muslim league work failed in
1937 elections due to a weak network
and policies, after congress ministries
came emerged as a new league. It
started mobilizing its activists in
all muslim minority as well as
muslim majority areas to get
maximum muslim support. Many prominent
leaders such as Sikander Hayat, Samiullah,
Fazlul Haq announced their supports to
Muslim league. Nawabs and landlords offered
their financial support to muslim league
so that it can run its campaign
more effectively. All these efforts were

United approach was due to Crippen rule which resulted in the shape of Pakistan.

Emergence of Jinnah As The Sole Spokesperson of Muslim League.

One of the most important impact of Crippen rule was uniting Muslims. What meant meant that different small political groups came under Muslim League and supported it with collective efforts. Previously there were separate groups based on their own religion and political ideology. Now ~~it~~ all were united under AIML and Jinnah came as a sole spokesperson of Muslim League. There was a one point direction given by Jinnah. It eliminated ambiguities among people/masses. A united AIML under a single command of Jinnah came into work. Jinnah who was ~~previously~~ initially in the favour of Hindu-Muslim unity started working for Muslims separate homeland and was in 1947 by establishing separate state for Muslims.

Crippen Rule and Two Nation Theory.

Concept of Pakistan was established on the ~~idea~~ of two nations theory. Crippen

As Muslims straightened this theory of two nations. but they are separate from Hindus. and in sub-continent there are two nations living side by side, Muslims and Hindus, ~~rather~~ and there is no possibility of united India as Muslims and Hindus ~~could~~ can not live together. Hence, Congress gave prominent place to straightening the concept of two nations theory which led to establishment of Pakistan.

Conclusion:

Congress rule was a forerunner of creation of Pakistan in 1947. As it proved that there are two separate nations living in sub-continent with its religious attributes. It showed that there is no concept of peaceful living in united India for Muslims. with its policies and laws it strengthened Muslims, united sub-groups of Muslim League, led to active participation of general public and realization of survival to all. Therefore, Congress rule can be called a forerunner for creation of Pakistan in 1947.

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Question # 3:

Khilafat Movement

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Khilafat movement - It was not a movement driven by political objectives. But it was a movement of religious sentiments of Muslims. As Muslims around the world have had emotional attachment with Khilafat which was established in Turkey. Sultans of Turkey were considered as amir-ul-momineen around the Muslim world. Indian Muslims did not have any identity. They were under British rule and subjugation of Hindus. They always look upon Khilafat. Muslims started this Khilafat movement in order to support Khilafat and hence British tried not to dissolve Khilafat. For his cause Muslims started their efforts and they worked together, so it was a first collective movement of Muslims against the British.

Background of Khilafat Movement:

In World War - I, Turkey sided with Germany in 1914-1919. After the defeat of Turkey and Germany in WW-I in the hands of British they signed Treaty of Peace settlement and Treaty of Sevres which broke the

Ottoman empire and leave Sultan as
as mere Prince. In response of that
in order to safeguard Khilafat Muslims
in India started Khilafat movement to
Preserved Hindus British to leave
Khilafat as it is. In which Gandhi also
supported Muslims.

Evolution of Khilafat movement:

First Khilafat Conference: 1919

In November 1919. First
Khilafat conference was held in Delhi in
support of Ottoman empire's Khilafat.
In they decided the movement and future
perspectives and strategies.

Support of Gandhi.

Gandhi also supported Muslims
in Khilafat movement as it provided
them an opportunity to demonstrate
his opposition to British empire. However,
later on Gandhi put wings from
Khilafat movement.

Collection of Donations And Aid

A large amount of money, gold,
silver, were collected by Muslims from
the sub-continent to send to some
to war-ridden Turkey. Moreover doctors,

nurses, medicines were also dispatched by Muslims. Here Muslims evolved as a united community to support their brothers across the continent.

Processions

A large number of protests, strikes, were observed in all big and small cities of sub-continent. People came out of their homes to support Khilafat in Turkey. Majlis-e-Khilafat was made by traders of Bombay in 1919. in support of Khilafat.

Hijrat Movement

In the wake of Khilafat movement a mass hijrat movement was initiated by Jamiat-e-Ulema-i-Hind by declaring India as not a safe place for Muslims that under British rule Khilafat and Muslims both are under threat. which led to another tragic event for the Muslims of India.

Resignations and Refusing Grants.

Muslims in protest and to pressurize British resigned from government services and refused to accept government grants. So that British ruler would take them seriously.

Arrest of Ali Brothers.

In the wake of protests against British, British forces arrested Ali Brothers, which resulted in tens of millions without any leader.

Incident of Chaura Chauri

At the place of Chaura Chauri, Congress volunteers set a police station on fire which resulted in killing of 21 police men and led to millions subject of British aggression. Later Gandhi left movement after this incident.

End of Khilafat Movement.

Khilafat movement ended when in 1924 Turkey announced an end to Khilafat and emerged as a secular state under the command of Kemal Ataturk.

Reasons of its failure:

- Muslims did not hold much importance to British that they could pressure them.
- ~~Muslims~~ were arrested of Ali Brothers left Muslims with no leader & no guide.
- ~~Young~~ Gandhi's withdrawal.
- Hijrat movement - another tragic end.

- Incident of Chauri Chauri and killing of 22 Police men
- Volunteer of Turks to end British and emergence as a new secular state.
- weak muslim leadership
- no Propn Policy and Framework to follow.
- ~~Constitution~~
- Conclusion.