

Subjective Type Questions with Answers

Q1. Give an account of the Muslim struggle from 1857 to the establishment of the Muslim League in 1906.

Answer

The following landmark events constitute the Muslim struggle for independence from 18857 to the establishment of the Muslim League in 1906.

- British Ascendancy
- The Aligarh Movement
- Extremist Hindu Movements
- The Partition of Bengal
- The Shimla Deputation
- Establishment of the Muslim League

British Ascendancy

In the year 1857, The British ascendancy over Indian ended the eight hundred-year Muslim rule. In 1858, India was given under the direct control of the British Crown. The failure of the 1857 War of Independence had disastrous consequences for the Muslims as the British placed all the responsibility for this event on them. Determined to stop such a recurrence in future, the British followed deliberately a repressive policy against the Muslims. Properties and estates of those even remotely associated with the freedom fighters were confiscated and conscious efforts were made to close all avenues of honest living for them.

The Aligarh Movement

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The Extremist Hindu Movements

The extremism Hindus made life a misery for the Muslims of India. The Muslims were maltreated and deprived of the rights. Muslims were robbed of their properties and homes. There was no shelter for them. The slaughter of cow was said to be heinous crime against the law. The Muslims were not free to perform their religious rites. The Anti-Muslim movement "Arya Smaj" flourished in the last two decades of the nineteenth century. The movement aimed at reconverting the Muslims to Hinduism. Bankim Chandra wrote a novel Anand Matth. This novel provoked Muslims religious sentiments. Anti-Muslims epic Bande Matrum was a part of this novel.

The partition of Bengal

Lord Curzon made Bengal an independent province in 1905. This step was taken mainly due to the administrative reasons. Bengal was a vast province and could not be handled properly unless divided into two parts- East Bengal and West Bengal. This partition of Bengal changed the fate of the Bengali Muslims. They began to prosper as a nation. The Hindus could not digest the death of their monopoly. They could not see the Muslim nation taking feet. They behaved very aggressively and revolted against the partition of Bengal. This attitude of the Hindus led the Muslims of India to form All India Muslim League.

The Simla Deputation and the Demand for separate Homeland

A deputation of Muslim leaders called on Lord Minto, the viceroy, On October 1, 1906 at Simla. Sir Agha Khan, the head of the deputation, presented a memorandum in which he requested for the basic political, economic, cultural and other rights for the Muslims. He also introduced a system of separate electorate for the Muslims. The Viceroy's reaction was favorable

Establishment of the Muslim League

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The objectives of the Muslim League were following:

- To create an understanding between the government and the Indian Muslims and to promote the feelings of loyalty among them.
- To co-ordinate with the other nations and political parties for the general welfare of the people.
- To protect the rights of the Muslim nation and to interact with the Government and other agencies for this purpose.

Q2. Give a background of the Aligarh Movement and summary of its objectives.

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The reactions of the Muslims of India towards Aligarh Movement

Sir Sayyed's conciliatory efforts, taken collectively, are known as Aligarh Movement. A large section of the Indian Muslims appreciated Sir Sayyed's efforts. They stood by his side. They contributed both monetarily and morally to prosper Aligarh Movement. They supported Sir Sayyed by providing him funds for the projects of Aligarh Movement.

Objectives of Aligarh Movement

The following were the objectives of Aligarh Movement:

- Conciliation among the Indian Muslims and the British.
- Education of the Indian Muslims
- Loyal Mohammedans.
- Friendship between Muslims and other Indian nations.

Conciliation among the Indian Muslims and the British

The British Government had snatched the crown from the Muslims. So, they had a natural enmity against the Muslims. Secondly, they considered the Muslims to be the lone wagers of the Mutiny. The Hindus were cunning enough to hurry good terms with the newly formed British government. Muslims on the other hand, detested the invaders who deprived them of their rule over India. Sir Sayyed felt that these strained relationships between the Indian Muslims and the British government would harm none but the Muslims. So, for the all multi-dimensional of the Indian Muslims, Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan formed Aligarh Movement. To bring about an atmosphere of compromise and reconciliation was the primary objective of the Aligarh movement. The following works of Sir Sayyed are the proponents of this very object

- *Risala Asbada Baghawat-e-Hind*: In this Sir Sayyed describes the reasons which led the Muslims to wage rebellion against the British Government.
- *Loyal Mohammedans of India*: In this book Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan highlighted the services of the Muslims who served British interests in the days of Mutiny.
- *Tabein-ul-Kalam*: This was the Urdu tafseer of Bible.

Education of the Indian Muslims

The Muslims of India were against the British government system and Western education. So, they preferred to educate their children in the Muslim Dini Madrassa and not according to the demands of the era. On the other hand, the Hindus got their children educated according to the Western patterns. As a result, the Muslims were denied Civil services in the British Government. Thus, pained Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan. He wanted that the Indian Muslims should get both religious as well as modern educations. To educate the Muslims according to the demands of the modern age was the objective of the Aligarh movement.

Loyal Mohammedans

Creating loyalty in the hearts of the Muslim towards the British Crown was the basic objective of Aligarh Movement. The Muslims of India detested the British because they deprived them of the rule over India. Sir Sayyed wanted the Indian Muslims to accept the new situation and to be loyal to the British Government.

Friendship between Muslims and other Indian Nations

One of the fundamental objectives of the Aligarh movement was to create friendship between the Indian Muslims and other nations residing in India.

Conclusion

Sir Sayyed's Aligarh Movement was a complete institution in itself. Under the flag of this movement, Sir Sayyed contributed a lot toward the development of the Muslims of India. He established many educational institutions in the far and wide of India and helped the Indian Muslims to be reputed as an educated nation of the region.

Q3. Describe and evaluate Sir Sayyed's services for the Muslims of India.

Answer

It would hardly be an exaggeration to call Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan as the finest and most representative Muslim in the annals of the Sub=continent.

Undoubtedly, he was the pioneer of the renaissance and reformist movement. It was he who brought about the social literary and religious awakening among Muslims. It was he which served as the precursor of a neo-classical; movement in Urdu literature and the founder of various liberal institutions. Like John Dewey, he founded a school for the dissemination of modern education. His was truly a versatile personality.

F.W Fernau, a German author, in his book "Muslims on the March" has aptly remarked. "The founder of the Indian Muslim reform movement", Syed Ahmad

Khan, was an Indian Civil Servant. He was born in a family with a long tradition of service to Islam. The family had migrated from Arabia to India in the time of the Great Mughals and had given the Muslim rulers in Delhi a succession of capable administrators.

"Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan brought back in India after a long stay in England the strong impression that the Muslims must make use of Western science and Western ways of thinking if they were not to be hopelessly submerged. The anxiety grew especially great among the hopelessly submerged. The anxiety grew especially great among the Indian Muslims when they found themselves greatly outnumbered by the Hindus."

Educational Services of Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan

Following are the educational services of Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan

Aligarh Movement	It expands on the life works of Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan
Murad Abad School	1858
M.A.O School Aligarh	1875
Scientific Society	1863
Aligarh Institute Gazette	1966
Journal of Tahzib-ul-Akhlaq	1869
Muhammadan Educational Conference	1886
Political Services	Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan
Urdu-Hindi Controversy	1867

Two Nation theory	Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan is the father of two nation theory.
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Aligarh Movement

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Murad Abad School

Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan established the educational institution Murad Abad in 1858.

M.A.O School Aligarh

The M.A.O. School, Aligarh was established in 1875. Later on, the institute was upgraded to be a college. In 1920, this institution became Muslim University, Aligarh. In this Institution, Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan hired the services of Sir Arnold, Orison.

Scientific Society

Sir Sayyed established an educational institution in Ghazi Pur in 1863. The name of this institution was Scientific Society. The headquarters of this society were shifted to Aligarh in 1876. The purposes of the establishment of this society were:

- To acquire the books in other languages.
- To translate them in Urdu.

- To create a balance between modern and Western knowledge.

Journal Tahzib-ul-Akhlaq

The services rendered by Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan in the education, society and religion should not make us oblivious of the fact that he was a most distinguished and outstanding writer. He started his journey Tahzib ul Akhlaq for the re-awakening and revival of the Muslim nation. He not only exercised a profound influence on the works of Hali and Shbibli but a score of other writers who followed him. He wielded a facile and powerful pen like Addison, Hazlitt and Stevenson. His essays are full of vivacity and verve with a clear style. In 1869, Sir Sayyed went to England. There he was introduced with the famous English journals Spectator and Teller. He came back in 1870 and published a journal Tahzib-ul-Akhlaq impressed by the style of spectator and teller.

Asarus Sanadeed

As a thoughtful and enlightened writer on a wide variety of subjects encompassing political, social, religious and literary topics he may rightly be called the father of Urdu prose. He replaced the verbose and bombastic style of writing with an impressive and themselves full of polished periods and fine diction. He was also the forerunner of a new style of declamation. His most famous book is Asar-al-Sanadeed, dealing with 125 historical buildings of Delhi and itself suburbs. This book was translated in French.

Muhammadan Educational Conference

Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan founded the Muhammadan Educational Conference in 1866, which was intended to focus on problems relating educational and social reconstruction during its first twenty years. This conference was a multi-purpose conference. It served the Muslims community in social, cultural, religious and political fields. This conference later on developed in All India Muslim League. This conference established the following colleges:

- Haleem College, Kanpur
- Islamia College Civil Lines, Lahore
- Islamia College, Peshawar

Aligarh Institute Gazette

In 1966, Scientific Society of Ghazi Pur published a gazette. This was called “**Aligarh Institute Gazette**”. This gazette was published in both Persian and English languages, so that the Muslims and the Britishers could come closer to each other.

Political Services

Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan was the member of Imperial Legislative Council. As a member of Imperial Legislative Council, Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan did the following services for the Muslims of India.

- He took the problems of the Indian Muslims very effectively to the Indian Government.
- He demanded separate electorate for the Muslims of India.
- He demanded the number of the Muslim seats in Viceroy's council should be fixed.
- He demanded that only Muslim voters should elect Muslim members.

Urdu Hindi Controversy

In the year 1867 the Hindus of Banaras launched a movement to replace Urdu as an official language with Hindi. Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan strongly opposed this idea and thus he safeguarded Urdu, the sign of Muslim Identity.

Two Nation Theory

Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan, the pioneer of Ideology of Pakistan, used the word 'Two Nation' for Hindus and Muslims after being convinced of the Hindus and

Congress hatred, hostility and prejudice for the Muslims. Defining the differences between Hindus and Muslims, Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan said:

"I am convinced now that Hindus and Muslims could never become one nation as their religion and way of life was quite distinct from each other"

"I look to both Hindus and Muslims with the same eyes and consider them as my own eyes. By the word 'Nation' I mean only Hindus and Muslims and nothing else. We, Hindus and Muslims live together on the same soil under the same government. Our interest and problems are common, and therefore, I consider the two factions in one nation.

"Philosophy will be in our right hand, natural science in our left hand and the Islamic Ideology will be on our head."

After Hindi-Urdu controversy Sir Sayyed felt that it was not possible for Hindus and Muslims to progress as a single nation.

Conclusion

Other of Sir Sayyed's major works were:

- Journal Asar-us-Sanadeed
- Loyal Muhammadan of India
- Khutbaat-e-Ahmdia
- Bayyan-ul-Kalam

Sir Sayyed Ahmad Khan blended Western Eastern and Islamic education. His theory of education was based on the following statement.

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Q4. Give background and reasons for the establishment of Muslim League.

Answer

After the end of the Congress Raj, it dawned upon the Muslims that Congress is only considerate about the Hindu interests. It was crystal clear then that if they want to safeguard their rights as a nation, they should go to some other platform.... other than Congress.

Muslim League

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Causes of the Establishment of the Muslim League

The following were the causes of establishment of Muslim League

- Establishment of Indian National Congress
- Communalism
- Partition of Bengal
- Urdu Hindi Controversy
- Political reforms
- Simla Deputation

Establishment of Indian National Congress

There was only one major political party in India before the birth of Muslim League.

It was actually not a national party though it claimed to be so. As a matter of fact, it was only the Hindu's party, it was considerate and safeguarded only the

interests of the Hindus. The callous behavior of the congress led Muslims to formulate a party of their own.

Communalism

The Hindu proved prejudiced against the Muslims, the extremist organizations like Shangkhan, Shudhi, Arya Samaj and Hindu Mahasbha endangered the life of the Muslims, to safeguard their own entity as a nation, the Muslims of India decided to form All India Muslim League.

Partition of Bengal

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Urdu Hindi Controversy

During the British raj, Urdu was the national language of India. The Hindus wanted to replace Urdu with Hindi. They also wanted to replace the Arabic script of Urdu in Devnagri in which Hindi was written. These activities endangered the life of Urdu. The Muslims were very perturbed against this situation. They formed Urdu sycophancies. The Muslims knew that assault against Urdu is actually the assault against the Muslim culture. To heighten the intensity and pitch of their revolt, they formed All India Muslim League.

Political Reforms

The Liberal Party won Elections in England and announced that it would implement certain political reforms. The Muslims felt a dire need to form an agenda of their own which they could forward to the British Government as a

basis to the expected political reforms. To form an agenda, they first needed to form a platform.... All India Muslim Leagues.

Simla Deputation

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Objectives of All India Muslim Leagues

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Q5. Give an account of the proposals brought forward for the solution of the Indian problems at different times.

Answer

Numerous efforts were brought forward for the solution of Indian problem. These were made to work out a conciliatory formula, which would satisfy the British, the Hindus and the Muslims at the same time. The following lines cover the chronology of the different proposals was made to resolve the Indian problems:

Years	Events	Detail
1857-58	First war of Independence also known as Indian Mutiny	The British East Indian Company initially administrated most of the Indian Sub-continent, but the Indian-led Sepoy Rebellion of 1857 seriously challenged British occupation and caused the British government to administer India directly. This near defeat for the British prompted changes in their administration of the Sub-continent and in their attitudes towards Indians, particularly Muslims.
1885	Establishment of Indian National Congress	Indian National Congress formed as a united front for independence.
1905	Partition of Bengal	Lord Curzon made Bengal an Independent province dividing it into two parts" i.e. East Bengal and West Bengal

October 1, 1906	Simla Deputation	A deputation of Muslim leaders headed by Sir Agha Khan called on the viceroy on October 1, 1906. Sir Agha Khan present a Memorandum in which he requested for the basic political, economic, cultural and other rights including a system of separate electorate for the Muslims.
December, 1906	Establishment of All India Muslim League	All India Muslim League founded predominantly representing the Muslim majority areas.
1909	Morley-Minto Reforms	In Morley-Minto reforms, the British government agreed to establish separate electorates for Muslims. This was considered as major victories for Muslim League.
1910	Partition of Bengal annulled	Partition of Bengal was cancelled on the initiation of the Hindus.

1913	The Quaid-e-Azam joined Muslim League	The Quaid-e-Azam joined Muslim League because the biased attitude of the Indian National Congress disheartened him.
1916	Congress-Muslim League Pact (often referred to as the Lucknow Pact)	Lucknow Pact of Congress-Muslim League pact was signed as a result of the Quaid-e-Azam's efforts for Hindu-Muslim Unity. Because of these of his efforts the Quaid-e-Azam was entitled as the ambassador of Hindu Muslim Unity, by Mrs Sarojni Naedo, an eminent Congress leader.
1919	Beginning of the Khilafat Movement	Maulana Mohammad Ali and Maulana Shaukat Ali , launched the historic Khilafat Movement after the First World War to protect the Ottoman Empire from dismemberment.
1920	Non-Cooperation Movement	The Khilafat committee appealed all the Indian to observe a Non-cooperation

		<p>movement against the British invasion over Turkey. Mohandas Kramchand Gandhi was elected the leader of the Non-cooperation Movement. This movement was aimed at total boycott of the government.</p>
November 1921	Civil Disobedience	<p>In November 1921, the Khilafat Committee appealed the Indians to break the law and launch civil disobedience. They were asked to refuse to pay the taxes, and to disobey the government. About thirty thousand people were arrested on account of civil disobedience.</p>
1921	Mopla Uprising	<p>The Arab traders, called Moplas, lived on the South Indian shores. In 1921, there was a local type of clash between the Hindus and the Muslims. The British government used this clash as a means to create a rift</p>

		between Hindus and the Muslims. The government used force against the Moplas.
1922	Chora Chori Incident	Chora Chori was a small town in U.P (Uttar Pradesh), In 1922, an infuriated mob of Chora Chori attacked a police station and set it on fire. As a consequence, 21 policemen were burnt alive. This resulted in the government's fierce action against the Muslims.
1924	Civil Disobedience called off	Mohan Chand Karamchand Gandhi said that the basic charter of the civil disobedience was non-violence. Since the movement had turned into violence. It should be called off. So he called off the Civil Disobedience Movement.
1924	Abolition of Khilafat	The final death blow on the Indian Khilafat Movement came when Ata Turk came

		to power in Turkey and he abolished Khilafat, the cause for which the Muslims of India had been sacrificing their lives for so many years.
March 20, 1927	Delhi-Muslim Proposals	The Quaid, seeing that the Hindus had no inclination to cooperate with the Muslims, invited the Muslim leaders of India to meet at Delhi under his presidency on the March 20, 1927. Thus meeting resulted in Delhi-Muslim proposals, which were unanimously accepted by all the Muslim leaders.
December 22, 1928	The Nehru Report	Moti Lal Nehru presented his report on before All-Parties National Convention which opened on December 22, 1928.
1929	The Quaid-e-Azam fourteen points	In 1929, Jinnah presented his famous Fourteen points in response to the Nehru Report.

1930-32	The Round Table Conference	Round Table Conference were held in London to resolve the Indian issue.
1930	Allahabad Address	Allama Muhammad Iqbal delivered his famous address of Allahabad in which he gave the concept of Pakistan.
1935	Government of India Act of 1935	This act is still considered as a backbone of civil law in both India and Pakistan.
1937	The Congress Raj	In 1937 elections, Congress formed government in India and wrote a new history of atrocities over the Muslims.
1937	Punjab Muslim Students Federation demands Pakistan	The Punjab Muslim students federation adopted the demand of a separate homeland as its objective on Allama Iqbal's incentive.
October, 1939	End of Congress Raj	The Congress government resigned on the strong protest of the Muslims.
December 22, 1939	Deliverance Day	The Muslims of Indian celebrated Deliverance

		Day on the call of the Quaid-e-Azam on account of resignation of the Congress Raj.
1940	Pakistan Resolution	Muslim League adopts 'Pakistan Resolution' demanding a separate state for Muslims of Sub-continent.
1942	Cripps Mission	In 1942, Sir Stafford Cripps arrived in New Delhi for talks with the Indian leaders on the future constitution of India.
June 25, 1945	Wavell Plan	Lord Wavell called an All Parties Conference at Simla on June 25, 1945. The conference failed to achieve any purpose due to one sided attitude of Lord Wavell.
August 16, 1946	Direct Action Day	Muslim League observes "Direct Action Day" widespread communal rioting spreads to many parts of Sub-continent.

December 2, 1945	Elections	The second general elections in India were held in December 1945. The Congress, the All-India Muslim League and several other organizations participated in the elections. The All-India Muslim League captured all the thirty seats reserved for Muslims in the Central Legislative Assembly.
February 22, 1946	Elections in Provinces	Out of 495 seats reserved for Muslims in the provincial legislature, Muslim League captured 440 seats.
March 24, 1946	Cabinet Mission in India	The Cabinet Mission, headed by Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State, arrived in New Delhi. The other two members of the Mission were Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. A.V. Alexander. The Mission's aim was to help India to attain her freedom as

		speedily and fully as possible.
March 16, 1946	Cabinet Mission Plan	The Cabinet Mission Plan recommended that there should be a Union of India consisting of the British India and the Indian states, dealing with the subjects of foreign affairs, defense and communication.
June 16, 1946	Interim Government	The British government desired that while the constitution-making plan proceeds an interim government, having the support of major political, might be formed at the centre.
December 2, 1946	London Conference	To obtain the participation and cooperation of all parties in the Constituent Assembly, the British government invited four Indian leaders to London including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. M.A Jinnah, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and Sardar

		Baldev Singh, Lord Wavell was also present at the Conference which continued for four days.
August .1947	Quit India Movement	The Indian National Congress decided to start "Quit India Movement" and demanded that the British should immediately withdraw from India. Mr. Gandhi advised his people to "do or die" to achieve their aim.
June 3, 1947	3rd June Plan	This was a plan for the partition of India prepared by Lord Louis Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India, in consultation with the British government. It was based on a fundamental principle that transfer of power should take place according to the wishes of the people.

July 18, 1947	Indian Independence Act, 1947	A bill providing independence on July 18, 1947. It provided that "from the August 15, 1947, two independent dominions shall be set up in India, to be known respectively as India and Pakistan."
August 11, 1947	First Constituent Assembly of Pakistan	Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah arrived in Karachi on August 7, 1947 and addressed the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on August 11, 1947, as its first President
August 12, 1947	Radcliffe Award	The Boundary Commission appointed under the Indian Independence Act 1947, submitted its report commonly known as the Radcliffe Award.
August 15, 1947	Establishment of Pakistan	On August 15, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah was sworn in as the first Governor General of Pakistan Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan was appointed as the

		first Prime Minister of Pakistan.
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Q6. Give a background of the Khilafat Movement and a brief account of its major event.

Answer

Among the landmarks of our long and arduous struggle for freedom the Khilafat Movement (1918-1924) stands out as one of the most significant political events.

Background of Khilafat Movement

The World War I broke out in 1914, UK, USA, France, Russia and Italy went into the alliance against Germany, Austria and Turkey in those days, Turkey was the centre of religious reverence for the Muslims because the ruler of the Turkey was treated as Khalifa of the Muslim Ummah. During the World War I, the sanctity and safety of Turkey was in great danger. This situation was not only miserable for the Turk nation but for the whole Muslim world especially the Muslims of the Sub-continent. The Muslims of India had a hope that one day Turkey will come to free them from the clutches of the British Raj. But during the World War I, this ray of hope was struggling with its own life. It looked evident that the Sultan of Turkey would be poisoned and Turkey would lose sovereign status. The boundaries of Turkey were extended to the whole of North Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. Hijaz-e-Mokaddas was also in Turkish domain. In case of defeat in the war, both sacred cities Makkah and Madinah could go to the possession of Christian allied forces. Keeping all the apprehensions in view, the Muslims of India, under the leadership of the Ali Brothers, Maulana Mohammad Ali and Maulana Shaukat Ali, launched the historic Khilafat Movement after the First World War to protect the Ottoman Empire from dismemberment. Mohandas

Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1947) linked the issue of Swaraj (self-government) with the Khilafat issue to associate the Hindus with the movement. The ensuing Movement was the first countrywide popular movement.

Important Events of the Khilafat Movement

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Events	Date
Establishment of the Khilafat Committee	November 23, 1919
Hindu Muslim Unity and Non-cooperation	1919
Khilafat Delegation	May, 1920
The treaty of Sevres	May, 1920
Non-cooperation Movement	1920
Civil Disobedience	November, 1921
Mopla Uprising	1921
Chora Chori Incident	1922
Civil Disobedience called off	1922
Abolition of Khilafat	1923

Establishment of Khilafat Committee

In order to launch an organized mass movement and launch an opinion forming campaign, an All India Khilafat Committee was formed on November 23, 1919.

Hindu-Muslim Unity and Non-Cooperation

The Khilafat Movement was a platform on which Hindu and Muslims came closer to each other. The Hindus, in the auspices and on the initiative Mohandas Karamchand. Gandhi, decided to take stand with the Muslims against British invasion over Turkey. The Hindus decided to launch a Non-cooperating Movement against the government.

Khilafat Delegation

In May, 1920, a Khilafat delegation headed by Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar set off to London to explain Muslims point of view over the issue of Turkey. The British government refused to give an ear to the demands of the delegation.

The Treaty of Sevres

In May 1920, the Allied forces decided on Turkey's fate under the treaty made at the banks of Canal Sevres. The Empire was stripped of its occupations in Europe and Arabia.

Non-Cooperation Movement

The Khilafat committee appealed all the India to observe a Non-Cooperation movement against the British invasion over Turkey. Mohandas Kramchand Gandhi was elected the leader of the Non-Cooperation Movement. This Movement was aimed at total boycott of the government. Under the initiation of this Movement the Indian:

- Government servants resigned services.
- The students quit educational institutions
- The award and titleholders returned their titles and awards back to the government.
- Foreign goods were banned.

Civil Disobedience

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Chora Chori was a small town in U.P. In 1922, an infuriated mob of Chora Chori attacked a police station and set it on fire. As a consequence, 21 policemen were burnt alive. This resulted on the government's fierce action against the Muslims. The government decided to treat the Muslims with an iron hand. This situation had an adverse effect on the Khilafat Movement.

Civil Disobedience Called Off

Mohan Chand Karamchand Gandhi said that the basic charter of the Civil disobedience was non-violence. Since the movement had turned to violence. It should be called off. So, he called off the Civil Disobedience Movement. This proved fatal for the life of Khilafat Movement.

Abolition Khilafat

The final deathblow on the Indian Khilafat Movement came when Ata Turk came into power in Turkey and he abolished Khilafat, the cause for which the Muslims of India had been sacrificing their lives for so many years.

Conclusion

So far as India is concerned the Khilafat Movement has left an indelible mark on the history of the Sub-Continent. It was the first countrywide agitation of the Indian Muslims with a central organization to guide its course. It transformed the psyche of the people, trained them in political agitation and taught them how to press their demands. It brought the Hindus and Muslims on one platform for the first and the last time. Although the Movement failed in its objectives, it had a far-reaching impact on the Muslims of South Asia. After a long time, they took united action on a purely Islamic issue, which momentarily forgot solidarity among them. It also produced a class of Muslim leaders experienced in organizing and mobilizing the public.

Q7. Examine the impact and outcomes of Tehrik-e-Khilafat in detail.

Answer

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- Hindu Muslim Unity
- Strong Muslim Leadership
- Hindu-Muslim Antagonism
- Communal Riots
- A step towards the liberation of India
- A step toward Pakistan Movement
- Moral support to the Turks

Hindu Muslim Unity

It brought the Hindus and Muslims on one platform for the first and the last time. The Hindu Muslim Unity reached its climax during the Khilafat and the Non-cooperation Movements. The Muslims of Soothsayer, under the leadership of the Ali Brothers, Maulana Mohammad Ali and Maulana Shaukat Ali, launched the historic Khilafat Movement after the First World War to protect the Ottoman Empire from dismemberment. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948) linked the issue of Swaraj (self-government) with the Khilafat issue to associate the Hindus with the Movement. The ensuing Movement was the first countrywide popular movement.

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Hindu Muslim Antagonism

The collapse of the Khilafat Movement was followed by a period of bitter Hindu Muslim antagonism. The Hindus organized two highly anti-Muslim movements, the Shudhi and the Sangathan. The former movement was meant to create solidarity among the Hindus in the event of communal conflict.

Communal Riots

In retaliation, the Muslims sponsored the Tabligh and Tanzim organizations to counter the impact of the Shudhi and the Sangathan. In the 1920s, the frequency of communal riots was unprecedented. Several Hindu Muslim Unity Conferences were held to remove the causes of conflict, but it seemed nothing could mitigate the intensity of communalism.

A Step Towards the Liberation of India

Khilafat Movement was an important step towards the liberation of India. The forceful expression of India's popular sentiments against Imperialism helped the British rulers to understand that it was impossible to keep India under their control forever, they started to make their own mind.

A Step Towards Pakistan Movement

The Hindu Muslim antagonism after the collapse of Khilafat movement clarified that Hindu and Muslims cannot be united on a single platform. This consciousness was a step towards the achievement of Pakistan.

Moral Support to the Turks

The efforts of the Indian Muslims for the Turks proved a moral support for the fighting Turks. The speeches and statements of the Khilafat leaders were translated in Turkey and were sent to the Turk soldiers to consolidate them and to strengthen their footings over their demands.

Conclusion

Although Khilafat Movement was a failure on the annals of history, yet it is a great success as regards the recognition of Muslim identity is concerned. Also, this movement was a proponent of the fact that the Muslims of all over the world have been tied in the bond of brotherhood. It was also a proponent of Allama Iqbal's verse.

Q8. What important events paved way for the adoption of the Lahore Resolution?

Answer

The attitude of the Hindus made it clear that the Hindus and the Muslims were two separate nations. On March 23rd, at annual sessions of Muslim League at Lahore, the famous resolution, commonly known as the "Pakistan Resolution"

was passed. Maulvi Fazlul Haq presented it and Quaid-e-Azam said in his address:

“By all means Muslims are one nation and they need a separate homeland where they need a separate homeland where they could live their spiritual, cultural, economic, social and political lives independently”

The resolution passed in Lahore on March 23, created a scare in the minds of the Congress and the Hindus. They could see that the Muslim League had now openly advocated the division of India into “Independent States”. The Quaid had anticipated the Hindu reaction and had taken organizational steps to face the opposition of the Hindus. He himself set an example of calm courage and an iron determination to lead the Muslims to their cherished goal of freedom. The Pakistan Resolution released the potential creative energies of the Muslims and even the humblest amongst them made his contribution for the achievement of Pakistan. The Quaid knew that without a well-defined goal that could be understood even by the simplest Muslim, there could be no real awakening of the Muslims. The Pakistan Resolution gave them a legible, objective and reachable goal: Pakistan.

Q9. Elaborate salient features of the Lahore Resolutions.

Answer

Background

The Lahore resolution is the most significance landmark in the history of our freedom struggle. In the month of March 1940, the Muslims of India adopted a resolution embodying their national objectives and expressing their firm commitment to make all efforts for the achievement of these objectives. Important events and factors that led to the adoption of the Resolution were:

- The Two Nation Theory

- Hindu Extremism
- Allama Iqbal's Address of Allah Abad
- Atrocities of Congress Raj
- Popularity of the Muslim League

Lahore Resolution

The twenty –seventh session of All-India Muslim League was held at Lahore under the presidency of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Moulvi Abdul Kasim Fazlul Haq, Chief Minister of Bengal, presented the historic Lahore Resolution, also known as "Pakistan Resolution". The resolution demanded that the Muslim majority areas as in North Western and Eastern zones of India should be grouped to constitute independent states in which the constituent units should be autonomous and sovereign.

Salient features of Lahore Resolution

The Lahore resolution embodied minimum demands regarding the political status of the Muslims in South Asia. The Muslims resolved in will only accept a constitutional formula, which satisfies the following Muslim demands"

- Federal Scheme Disapproved
- Establishment of Independent States
- Safeguards for Minorities
- Extent of the State Sovereignty

Federal Scheme Disapproved

The federal scheme formulated in the Government of India act 1935 is absolutely unsuitable for the Indian conditions. The Indian Muslims will never accept it.

Establishment of Independent States

It was clearly stated that a constitution acceptable for the Muslims of India should be based on the following principles:

“Geographically contiguous units be demarcated into regions in which the Muslims are numerically a majority, as in the North Western and Eastern zones of India, should be grouped to constitute independent states in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign.

Safeguards of Minorities

In the newly established Muslim and non-Muslim states adequate constitutional safeguards should be provided to minorities, with their consultation, for the protection of their religious, cultural, economic, political and administrative rights and interests.

Extent of the State Sovereignty

The resolution authorized the Muslim League Working Committee to draft a constitutional scheme in the light of the principles stipulated in the resolution. This scheme shall ensure that the states created under this scheme have full control over defense, foreign affairs, communications, customs and all other necessary subjects.

Q10. Analyze the Lahore Resolution and determine its place and role in the history of our freedom Movement.

Answer

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Basic points of Pakistan Resolution

The basic points of the Pakistan Resolution were:

- Independent Muslim State
- Partition – the only acceptable solution
- Rights of the Minorities in Pakistan

Independent Muslim State

It was stated in the resolution that the contiguous units in the different areas should be demarcated as such that the Muslims majority areas of the North East and North West be established as an independent Muslim state.

Partition- the only acceptable solution

It was made clear in the resolution that no other scheme other than partition of the Sub-continent will be accepted.

Rights of the Muslim Minority

It was stated that after partition, the rights of the Muslim minority will be protected and suitable arrangements will be made for this purpose.

Hindu Reaction after the passing of the Pakistan Resolution

Hindu Journalists

Immediately after the passing of the resolution, the Hindu press openly rejected it. The Hindu journalists called it “the division of the mother cow”. They rejected Muslim’s demands and ridiculed the resolution. They called it impractical and termed it as the fancy of some sick mind.

Hindu Political leaders

Hindu political leaders especially Gandhiji and Pandat Jawarhar Lal Nehru criticized the resolution a lot. They turned it down in harsh words.

The Name of the Resolution

Muslim League named this resolution as Lahore Resolution. But the Hindu press and Hindu leaders ironically termed it as the Pakistan Resolution. Ironically enough, this name became more popular than the original one. The Muslim leaders adopted the new term. It was later on called Pakistan Resolution in all quarters.

The Reaction of the Muslims

Some sects of the Muslim were reluctant to accept promote the demand for partition. But on the whole this resolution was very popular in the Muslim circle.

British Press

British press paid no heed to the Pakistan Resolution.

Conclusion

The Hindus were confident that Pakistan would not be created but the determination and struggle of the Muslims retorted their false confidence. Pakistan dawned on the horizon of the globe only seven years after the Pakistan Resolution.

Q11. Give a brief account of the Cripps Mission proposals. How do the major parties of India react to the proposals?

Answer

Background

The passing of the Pakistan Resolution was a turning point in the history of Indian Muslims; it brought about a qualitative change in their status as a minority in India. By the middle of 1940, the war had brought disaster for the allies, as

France fell in June 1940, the British Government made renewed appeals for cooperation to all parties in India. In the middle of 1941, the war situation had become more serious for the allies, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and America was involved in the war, the initial success of the Japanese armies in South-East Asia brought the war to India's doorstep.

Cripps in India

The British under the leadership of the die-hard imperialist Churchill were most reluctant to make any firm commitment regarding Indian independence. Sir Stafford Cripps, who had recently joined the government as Lord Privy Seal and become a member of the War Cabinet and leader of the House of Commons, had decided to proceed to India.

Cripps flew into Karachi on March 22, 1942, and touched down at New Delhi's airport the following day, the "Pakistan Day", the second anniversary of the Lahore resolution that was celebrated in Delhi by public meeting addresses by Jinnah. During his stay, Cripps met with Maulana Azad, Jinnah, Gandhi and Nehru to discuss the issues regarding India. He met Jinnah on March 25 and explained to Jinnah that he had changed his view about the Muslim League and Pakistan because of the change in the communal feeling in India and the growth of the Pakistan Movement.

Cripps Declaration

Cripps publicly disclosed the contents of the Declaration at a press conference on March 29. The declaration used:

- 1.** The creation of a new Indian Union which shall constitute a Dominion, associated with the United Kingdom and other Dominions by a common allegiance to the Crown, but equal them in every respect.
- 2.** The said goal would be achieved in the following manner, immediately after the war, an elected body would be set up to frame a new constitution for India.

3. Any province of British India not prepared to accept the new Constitution would have the right to retain its present constitutional position.

4. To such non-acceding provinces, his Majesty's Government would be prepared to give the same full status as to the Indian Union.

Reaction to the Cripps Proposals

The proposals brought by Cripps were not received very enthusiastically by any section of India opinion. Gandhi and other Congress leaders were against it because they believed that Britain had already lost the war that it had nothing to offer for the future of India and therefore, they looked to Japan and other Axis powers who appeared to them to have the key to their future. Hindu chauvinists to whom Pakistan had become a nightmare smelt the germ of the idea of Pakistan, even if it was not the Pakistan of the Muslim League's conception. Jinnah, in his presidential address to the Allahabad session of the League, analyzed the Cripps proposals and expressed the disappointment that their main objective was the creation of a new Indian Union and Pakistan was treated only "as a remote possibility".

Rejection of the Cripps Proposals

The formal rejection of the Cripps Proposals took the form of a Congress Working Committee resolution dated April 11, 1942. The Muslim League too rejected of the same date. It expressed gratification that the possibility of Pakistan was "recognized by implication" but stated that "the only solution of India's constitutional problem is the partition of India into independent zones; and it will therefore, be unfair to Muslims to compel them to enter such a constitution-making body whose main object is the creation of a new Indian Union." The Committee concluded that as "the proposals for the future are unacceptable, it will serve no useful purpose to deal further with the question of the immediate arrangement"

Q12. Write a note on the elections of India held in 1945-46.

Answer

Background

With the failure of the Simla Conference, Lord Wavell announced that the Central and Provincial Legislature elections would be held in the winter of 1945, after which a constitution-making body would be set up. He also announced that after the elections, the Viceroy would set an Executive Council that would have the support of the main Indian political parties. Both the Muslim League and the Congress opposed the proposal.

The Quaid-e-Azam's Refusals to accept ant Settlement but Partition

Quaid-e-Azam declared that Muslims were not ready to accept any settlement less that a separate homeland for them and the All India Congress Committee characterized that the proposal as vague, inadequate and unsatisfactory because it had not addressed the issue of independence. Despite this, the two parties launched huge election campaigns, they knew that the elections would be crucial for the future of India, as the results were to play an important role in determining their standing. The League wanted to sweep the Muslim constituencies so as to prove that they were the sole representatives of the Muslims of Sub-continent, while Congress wanted to prove that, irrespective of religion, they represent all the Indians.

The Election Campaign

Both the Muslim League and the Congress promulgated opposite slogans during their campaigns. The Muslim League presented a one-point manifesto "if you want Pakistan, vote for the Muslim League". Quaid-e-Azam himself toured the length and breadth of India and tried to unite the Muslim community under the banner of the Muslim League.

The Congress on the other hand stood for United India. To counter the Muslim League, the Congress press abused the Quaid and termed his demand for Pakistan as the "vivisection of Mother India", "reactionary primitivism" and "religious barbarism". Congress tried to brand Muslim League as an ultra-conservative clique of Knights, Khan Bahadurs, toadies and government pensioners. The Congress also tried to get the support of all the provincial and central Muslim parties who had some differences with the League, and backed them in the elections.

Elections for Central legislature

Elections for the Central Legislature were held in December 1945. Though the franchise was limited, the turnover was extraordinary.

The Results of the Elections

The Congress was able to sweep the polls for the non-Muslim seats. They managed to win more than 80 percent of the general seats and about 91.3 percent of the total general votes. The League's performance, however, was even more impressive: it managed to win all the 30 seats reserved for the Muslims. The results of the provincial election held in early 1946 were not different. Congress won most of the non-Muslim seats while Muslim League captured approximately 95 percent of the Muslim seats.

December 2, 1945

Elections

The second general elections in India were held in December 1945. The Congress, the All-India Muslim League and several other organizations participated in the elections. The All-India Muslim League captured all the thirty seats reserved for Muslims in the Central Legislative Assembly.

Elections in Provinces

Out of 495 seats reserved for Muslims in the provincial legislatures, Muslim League captured 440 seats. The break-up is as follows:

Province	Muslim Seats	Muslim League Seats
Punjab	86	79
Bengal	119	113
Assam	34	31
Sindh	35	35
U.P.	66	55
N.W.F.P.	36	17
Bombay	30	30
Madras	29	29
C.P.	14	13
Orissa	4	4
Bihar	40	

Conclusion

In a bulletin issued on January 6, 1946, the Central Election Board of the Congress claimed that the election results had vindicated the party as the biggest, strongest and the most representative organization in the country. On the other hand, the League celebrated January 11, 1946, as the 'Day of Victory' and declared that the election results were enough to prove that Muslim

League, under the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam, was the sole representative of the Muslims of the region.

Q13. What was the Cabinet Mission plan?

Answer

The war with Japan came to an end on August 10, 1945. After that, general elections were held in the United Kingdom. As a result of these elections, the Labor Party headed by Mr. Clement Attlee took office. Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced in the Parliament the British Government's decision to send a Cabinet Mission to India. It consisted of Lord Pethick Lawrence, Sir Stafford Cripps and A.V. Alexander. Attlee further announced that his Government was aware of the rights of the minorities, yet he could not allow a minority to place a veto on the rights of the majority. The Cabinet Mission arrived in India on 16th May.

The Cabinet Mission met leaders of the political parties. The India National Congress and the Muslim League failed to arrive at an agreement. While the Congress wanted a United India and the creation of Pakistan. The Mission put forward its own plan to solve the problem and announced its award on May 6, 1946.

Main Provisions of the Cabinet Mission Plan

The main provisions for the cabinet mission plan were as follows:

- India would be a federation
- The affairs to be dealt by the federal government.
- Three groups of provinces.
- Province can opt out of the group
- A constituent assembly
- Establishment of the Interim government

India would be a Federation or a Union

India would be a Federation or a Union consisting of British provinces and the India Princely States.

The Affairs to be dealt by the Federal Government

The Federal government would deal with defence, foreign affairs and communications. The units of the federation will look after all other subjects.

Three groups of provinces

There would be three groups of the provinces

Group A	Madras, Bombay, U.P., Bihar, Central Province and Orissa.
Group B	Punjab, Sindh, North West Frontier Province and the British Balochistan (this Group was to constitute Muslim Majority areas.)
Group C	Bengal and Assam

Province can opt out of the Group

These groups would draft their own constitutions in consultation with different provinces included in each group. A province could opt out of the group by a majority decision of its legislature.

A Constituent Assembly

A constituent Assembly consisting of 389 members – 292 from provinces, 4 from the territories governed by Chief Commissioners and 93 from Indian Princely States – would draft the Constitution of India.

Establishment of the Interim government

Interim Government at the Centre consisting of representatives of all communities would be installed on the basis of parity between the representatives of the Hindus and Muslims.

The Reaction of the Muslim League

The league announced its willingness to participate in the Constitution-making Body. It however, reiterated that its ultimate objective was Pakistan and that it would employ every means in its power, and consider no sacrifice too great to achieve its goal. The League also conveyed to the Viceroy its willingness to participate in the proposed 'Interim government'.

The reaction of the Congress

The Congress notified its acceptance of the Cabinet Mission's plan with a few reservations. It stated that it would join the Constituent Assembly with a view to framing the Constitution of a free, united and democratic India. But it refused participation in the Interim government for the reason that it could not give up its national character or accept an artificial parity with the Muslim League in the formation of a provisional government.

The Reaction of the Sikhs

The Sikhs found the proposals unacceptable on the ground that the inclusion of the Sikh community in the North Western Muslim block (Group 'b') would leave the Sikhs at the mercy of the Muslims and imperil the Sikh religion and culture. The All India Scheduled Castes imperil the Sikh religion and culture. The All India Scheduled Castes Federation considered the proposals as absolutely illusory and unworthy of serious consideration, because seats have not been reserved for the Scheduled castes in the Legislatures. And also, because only one seat was offered to them in Interim government.

Q14. In what circumstances the 1946 Interim government was established? What fate it met?

Answer

Background

Wavell wrote identical letters to Nehru and Jinnah on July 22, 1946 asking them whether the Congress and the Muslim League would be prepared to enter an interim government on the basis that six members (including one Scheduled Caste Representative) would be nominated by the Congress and five by the Muslim League. The Viceroy would nominate three representatives of the minorities. Jinnah replied that the proposal was not acceptable to the Muslim League because it destroyed the principal of party. At Nehru's invitation, he and Jinnah conferred together on August 15, but could not come to an agreement on the question of the Congress joining the interim government.

The Decision of the British Government Regarding Interim Government

The British government desired that while the constitution-making plan proceeds, an interim government, having the support of major political parties, might be formed at the Centre. In consultation with the members of the Cabinet Mission, the Viceroy announced the formation of a 14-member Executive Council.

Communal Riots

The Working Committee of the Muslim League had decided in the meantime that Friday August 16, 1946 would be marked as the 'Direct Action Day'. There was serious trouble in Calcutta and some rioting in Sylhet on that day. There was serious trouble in Calcutta during the period of August 16 to 19 were 4,000 dead and 10,000 injured. In his letter to Pethick-Lawrence, Wavell had reported that appreciably more Muslims than Hindus had been killed. The 'Great Calcutta Killing' marked the start of the bloodiest phase of the 'war of succession' between the Hindus and the Muslims and it became increasingly difficult for the

British to retain control. Now, they had to cope with the Congress civil disobedience movement as well as furious Muslims that had also come out in the streets in thousands.

The negotiations with Muslim League

The negotiations with the League reached a deadlock and the Viceroy decided to form an interim government with the Congress alone, leaving the door open for the League to come in later. A communiqué was issued on August 24, which announced that the existing members of the Governor General's Executive Council had resigned and that on their places new persons had been appointed. It was stated that the interim government would be installed on September 2.

The Quaid-e-Azam's Assertion for Pakistan

The Quaid-e-Azam declared two days later that the Viceroy had struck a severe blow to Indian Muslims and had added insult to injury by nominating three Muslims who did not command the confidence of Muslims of India. He reiterated that the only solution to Indian problem was the division of India into Pakistan and Hindustan. The formation of an interim government consisting only of the Congress nominees added further fuel to the communal fire. The Muslims regarded the formation of the interim government as an unconditional surrender of power to the Hindus, and feared that the Governor General would be unable to prevent the Hindus from using their newly acquired power of suppressing Muslims all over India.

The Muslim Ministers of the Interim government

The League had therefore, decided to nominate five members for the interim government. On October 15, he gave the Viceroy the following five names:

- Liaquat Ali Khan
- I.I. Chandigarh

- Abdur Rab Nishtar
- Ghazanfar Ali Khan
- Joginder Nath Mandal

The last name was a Scheduled Caste Hindu and was obviously a tit-for-tat for the Congress insistence upon including a Nationalist Muslim in its own quota.

Q15. Give a background account of the 3rd June Plan? Also give its salient features?

Answer

This was a plan for the partition of India prepared by Lord Louis Mount Batten, the last Viceroy of India, in consultation with the British government. It was based on a fundamental principle that transfer of power should take place according to the wishes of the people.

The Salient Features of the 3rd June Plan

The salient features of the third June plan were:

- It provided for ascertaining the wishes of the people with regard to the framing of their constitution by the existing Constituent consisting of the representative of those areas, which decide not to participate in the existing Constituent Assembly.
- The members of the provincial legislatures of Bengal and the Punjab were to decide on the issue of partition and as soon as the decision involving partition had been taken, separate Boundary Commissions would be set up which would demarcate the boundaries of the two parts of the provinces.
- In North West Frontier Province referendum was to be held to ascertain the wishes of the people and in Sindh the Indian members of the Legislative Assembly were to take their own decision.

The Quaid-e-Azam's Comments on the 3rd June Plan

In his broadcast statement the Quaid-e-Azam said that the Plan did not meet, in some respects, our point of view. He, however, expressed his satisfaction on some of the matters dealt within the Plan. But it is for us now to consider whether the Plan should be accepted by us as a compromise or a settlement.

League accepts 3rd June Plan

In a resolution adopted by the Council of the All-India Muslim League it was stated that although the Council could not agree to the partition of Bengal and the Punjab, it accepts the fundamental principles of the Plan as a compromise.

