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PRESENT INDIA AND TWO NATION THEORY

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ABSTRACT

The present of a society is always an outcome of its past, which in turn, sets out the horoscope of its future. Since the withdrawal of British the creation of the two dominions India and Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir have been the bone of contention between the two. The divide and rule policy manifested itself in the form of the two-nation theory. The two nation's once gain center of a fierce debate. Since the Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) came in to power. The recent anti-Muslim riots in Delhi proved that the steps taken by Jinnah which were born out of the two-nation theory were essentially accurate. In this paper we try to cover the role of two-nation theory in creating Pakistan. Also tries to highlight the present scenario and the role of the Bhartiya Janta Party and their citizenship Amendment Bill (2019). Thus, the paper tends to analyze how the Bhartiya Janta Party is working hand in glove with the Hindu Fundamentalist led by (Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangha) R.S.S. to transform India from net secular state to a net religious.

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INTRODUCTION

The history of two nation was as old as the Muslims in India. The basic concept behind two-nation theory was Muslims and Hindus were two separate nations from every aspects. Although the Muslim and Hindus had been living together for centuries in the sub-continent, but they never tried to progress a working relationship between each other. Two discrete social systems, two separate culture and two difference civilizations There were always a concept of two nation (Hindu/Muslim) after the advent of Islam in the subcontinent. The Muslim majority thinks it was the right of our too had their homeland in the Muslim majority areas of Sub-continent, where they can live their life according the majestic teaching of Islam.

Objectives

- To consider the facts which is Responsible for the partition of India.
- To study how the citizenship Amendment Bill brought Indian Muslim spotlight.
- Shedding light on the relevance of two nation theory under current circumstances.
- To analysis the role of B.J.P. government.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

To write this paper, the data has mainly concentrated on textual approach, books written by eminent scholars and articles, papers written on various National and International Journals has been considered to do the framework of this paper. Thus, secondary data has been used to write this paper.

Review of literature:

- Narendra Singh Sarila (2009)¹: This book gives a different perspective on the Indian Sub continental partition not from the India or Pakistan point of view. The author highlights the role of important political personalities of that era, including Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Iqbal, Jinnah. He brings to light the secret documents that show the role of united states played in the Indian Independence. The author not only talk about such issue but also discuss about the Muslim league role in partition. Thus, the book provides interesting insight in to the India partition.
- B.N. NANDA (2013)²: This book provides a historical context which helps in an understanding of present. It traces the development of Muslims Identity

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¹Narendra Singh Sarila; *The Shadow of the Great Game: The Untold Story of India's Partition*, 2009.

²B.N Nanda; *Road to Pakistan*, Rutledge India publication, 2013.

on the Indian sub-continent and follows Jinnah as he rode the wave of Muslim communalism to ultimate success in the demand for the partition of India and the creation of Pakistan and Independence from British rule. The book demonstrates how the bigger struggle opened the door for Muslim separatism Led by Jinnah. It was through this opening aided by British moves to use the Muslim league as a foil to the Congress that Jinnah very astutely led his party to success in its demand for creation of Pakistan.

- Nirja Gopal Joyal (2013)³: The book deals with substance challenges facing contemporary India regarding the citizenship Amendment Bill (2019) and their various aspects, effects (positive and negative) on the people residing various states of India. The citizenship has introduced a religious test for Indian citizenship. The religious test screams that only Muslims aren't welcome.
- Hilal Ahmed (2020)⁴: Wrote an article on 'Making sense of India's citizenship act 2019' in this article the author tries to explain the few facts while CAA discriminatory or not. He also illustrates that the legal frame work analysis which is given by the B.J.P. government. Also tries to explain about the legal criterion for selecting the specific cases of Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan. The author also talks about new laws. Which has made for the people who are facing "Religious persecution". Those people get quicken Indian citizenship in six year.
- Paracha Nadeem (2016)⁵: Wrote an article; whose Two- Nation Theory is it, anyway, in this article author tells about the BJP government come into power there have been debates in various circles that the emergence of Hindu nationalist party and their actions that are perceived as against Indian Muslims. Hence, justify that the partition of India was the right decision. Some recent actions including the revocation of article 370 and most recently the citizenship Amendment Act, are described as the evidence that Muslims have no place in India. Thus, the author concluded by saying that the steps taken by B.J.P. government Shaken the Indian Muslims.

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan Seedar of two-nation Theory: Sir Syed Ahmed Kahn was the first to propose the theory or at least the seeds of two- nation theory. He was a great Muslim leader and great philosopher. Muslims was forced by sir Syed Ahmed Khan to get modern education. He was the first man in sub- continent history to introduced a word 'TWO NATION' In his speech in Meerut on 14 March 1888, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan said that the Muslims and Hindus are Two different nations and both of them can't rule together. There won't be peace until one nation congress another. Sir Syed introduced this theory is the downfall of Muslims, Muslim Hindu controversy, language problem, and the hatred by Hindus and British upon Muslims of South Asia due to Hindu and Muslims non- acceptance behavior. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan realize that the both Nations cannot live together any more during the Hindu -Urdu controversy he

came forward with two- nation concept and declared that Muslim were a separate Nation. He 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

Comparison between Muslims and Hindus in eyes of Two- Nation Theory: There was such a huge difference between Hindus and Muslims society. The Major difference was of religion. Muslims were believed on the oneness of God and Hindus worshiped many Gods. Their way of living, religion, festivals was totally changed. Muslims believed on the equality of men while on the other hand Hindus were divide in to different cast in spite of living together for a long time, the Muslims and Hindus were incapable to co exist and cooperate with each other. This comparison played a great role for the two -nation theory to be existed in the sub-continent.

Concept of Two Nation Theory from Hindus: It is a historically Fact Hindus and Muslims are two separate nations. But the Hindus had given the foundation to the two nation theory years ago. There is some narrow mindedness of Hindus. They considered themselves more Superior from the other races living there in Sub- continent. Some of the Hindu leaders hated Muslim a lot, and their dream was of rebuilding a great Hindu empire. So many factors and many others forced Muslim leader to dem and a separate homeland for the Muslim of South Asia, where they could practice their way of living and implement their own cultural and religious values. In short, we can say for Muslim it was struggle for survival, for Hindus it was to avoid vivisection of motherland.

Khilafat Movement and its impact on Two- Nation Theory: The Khilafat movement did become the reason to vastly strengthen the two- nation theory which was become the most important basis of establishment and demanding of Pakistan. Muslim of India had an emotional attachment of the Khilafat. They thought that ottoman caliphate as the only surviving symbol for the Muslims of South Asia Gandhi joined this Muslims attitude over the Khilafat. Its failure, realized by the Muslims that if they wanted to survive in the sub- continent, they must rely on their own strength and political destiny. The Movement later gave momentum to the struggle for the independence and for a separate homeland for the Indian Muslims.

Role of Two-Nation Theory in demanding Pakistan: The British Empires divisive policies, which were aimed at creating a rift between Hindu and Muslims. The British pitted these two groups against one another, and eventually the Muslim league was forced to demand the creation of a separate state for the Indian Muslims was first proposed by sir Mohammad Iqbal, the poet philosopher. In his Presidential address at annual session of all India Muslim league (AIML) in 1930 at Allahabad acity in the heart land of Hindu India. The demand for separate state for Muslims was further crystallized on the basis of Two Nation Theory. Which was elaborated into a political doctrine by Mohammad Ali Jinnah. many events had been occurred with the role of Two Nation Theory and every Muslim leader who was the supports of an independent Muslim State did dependent on the Two Nation Theory. But since the creation of Pakistan the two -nation theory, however has been widely criticized

³Nirja Gopal Joyal; *Citizenship and its discontents*, Harvard university press, New Delhi, 2013.

⁴Hilal Ahmed; *Making sense of India's citizenship Act 2019*, 25 June 2020.

⁵Paracha Nadeem; *Smoker's corner: whose Two- Nation Theory is it, anyway?* Updated on 09 Oct 2016.

by many detractors who have claimed that it has lost its validity in 1971 when Pakistan and Bangladesh parted ways each other.

The situation in Kashmir and Validity of Two-Nation Theory: On 5-6 August the Indian government fueled Hindu-Nationalist by abolishing article 370 of Indian constitution which preserved the special autonomous status of Jammu and Kashmir. The abrogation of the article 370 has opened the door for mass Hindu migration and settlement in IOK. The rising Hindu Nationalism in India and the Indian/Hindu insecurity that has been blatantly displayed in IOK of late, scholars, and historians largely agree that Two-Nation Theory perhaps holds more relevance today than ever before.

Dr. Huma Baqai said that the India's Prime Minister Modi did after being reelected is using the unprecedented clout to illegally, immorally, and unconstitutionally deprive Kashmir and Kashmir's of their identity. Dr. Hasan, renowned Pakistan political scientist and military analyst, agreed that the rising Hinduism-based ultra-nationalism in India, which is sponsored by the BJP and RSS, based by Modi government, has targeted religious minorities, especially Muslims.

Two-Nation Theory and present scenario: The entire freedom movement revolves around the two-nation theory in two-nation theory in India was forward to protect the right of minority and to protect the minority from majority. Two-nation theory which became the basis for the demand of Pakistan. Ultimately Muslims of India have separate homeland, as they could not live with the Hindus in Subcontinent. Now there is no importance of two-nation theory because if we consider it, Pakistan would be separated into many parts. We cannot implement any theory in every place. Theory is not for all the time. It could vary from time to time. So, if we talk about two-nation theory, so, there is no concept of this theory now in Pakistan.

Conclusion

In summing up we can say that the Two-nation theory would not have been allowed to propagate, if British rulers were not supporting it behind the scenes. Resulted partition, partition has been an epoch-making event in Indian history. The seed of communalism opened the door for Muslims separatism. The study of interaction between Indian and Pakistan is dominated by different variables such as conflicts, crisis and co-operation. Thus, Jinnah's powerful agitation for separate homeland for Muslims had fulfilled. But the ongoing rise in persecution of Muslims in India is the latest bloody offshoot of the partition, and a self-fulfilling prophecy of Pakistan's creation.

Recently triple talaq and Babri Masjid had already lost their symbolic potentials for Muslims. So, with the dawn of some new factors that are shaping this new Muslims politics.

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