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RESEARCH ARTICLE

**A MODERN HISTORICAL WRITINGS OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACT OF 1935 AND ITS
PRINCIPAL ATTRIBUTES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FORMATION OF FEDERAL
LEGISLATURE IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA-A STUDY**

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Abstract

India's second significant step towards a fully accountable government was marked by the 1935, Government of the India Act, that followed thus Act in the year 1919. 1935 saw of the passed of this Act by the Government of Britain. At the time, One of the longest Acts was the one , with had the 321 sections and also the 10 schedule. Prior to the country's 1947 division into Pakistan and India, it also functioned as British India's final constitution. The administration discovered the act was too long to be properly regulated after it was passed. Thus the government decided to divide the act into two pieces so that it would function as planned. The Act.

Keywords: historical texts, British Government, combined population, planned approach, federation.

Introduction

This study aims to examine the 1935 act through the historical texts. This act, which came after the Act of 1919 in Indian history, marked the country's second major turning point towards a completely accountable administration. The British government enacted this Act in 1935. With 321 sections and 10 schedules, it was among the longest Acts in existence at the time. Prior to the nation's 1947

division into Pakistan and India, it served as British India's final constitution. Once the act was passed, the administration revealed Because the duration was excessive to regulate successfully. To ensure that thus Act would be administered as intended, the administration decided to split it into two sections. 1. The Government Act of India 1935; 2. The Government Act of Burma 1935.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The following have been determined to be the research objectives:

1. To examine the historical reasoning behind the 1935 Act.
2. Through analysis historical writings, critically examine the Act that the British government passed in order to placate national movements.
3. Gain an understanding of the 1935 Acts that created the British parliament.
4. To comprehend the genesis of Indian federal legislation throughout its history.

PERIOD OF STUDY

Because 1935 was a significant year for both creation of constituent assembly and earlier Indian independence, it is covered in this study article.

METHODOLOGY

The current study focusses on the earlier works through historical and analytical analysis. Primary as well as secondary data were used in this investigation. The remarks made by the leaders and the British Government serve as the primary source of data used in this case, while published works like books and dissertations serve as the secondary source.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Madabhushi Sridhar's "The Indian Constitution's Evolutionary Philosophy" was released by the New Delhi, London, and New York Free Press in 2003. This article discusses the idea and evolution of constitution in the Indian sub continent .

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Due to the dynamics of the nation's constitutional growth, Act of 1935 was passed, reflecting current stage of constitution's composition in India. The two principal characteristics of this Act were its secured, accountable government and the plans for an all-India Federation. Under the Act, a Federation in the national level was to be determined, comprising Governors Provinces, the Chief Commissioners Provinces, and any eligible Indian States.

When a number of States had joined the Federation and their rulers had the right to select no fewer than fifty-two members of the Council of State, and their combined population equaled or above ½ of all States' combined populations, a Royal Proclamation was to be issued in that regard by both Houses of Parliament and presented to His Majesty. In order to facilitate Federation, the Governors Provinces were granted independence. Each Governor's Province was given "an Executive and a Legislature having precisely defined spheres and in that exclusively provincial sphere broadly free from the control of the Central Government and Legislature" under the terms of the system.

SALIENT FEATURES

By virtue of the Act, 1919, the Provincial Governments possessed delegated authority instead of original authority. Devolution Rules: The Act of established a domain in which the Province authorities were principally responsible for carrying out governmental functions by designating certain issues as Provincial subjects. Nonetheless, this sphere was not exclusive, since federal Legislature and also with Council of the Governor-General continued also to have considerable control over all of the Provinces.

The Act of 1935 described a planned approach that would, in general, remove all legal power and authority from the Legislature and Central Government with regard to any topic inside the exclusive Province in the Governors' Provinces. Regarding the authority to enact laws, a provincial legislature held the authority to do so,

while the federal legislature was in charge of enacting laws for any federated state or for the entirety of British India. the province and any of its territories. The Federal Legislative List, the Provincial Legislative List, and the were the three lists that dealt with the topics covered by federal and provincial laws. List of laws that are currently in effect.

Any item that wasn't on one of the three lists would be assigned to the Federation or a province, at the Governor-General's discretion. The original distribution of power was as follows: the Federal Legislature could only enact laws pertaining to the Indian States on topics covered by the Instrument of Accession. This was the way power was allocated. The power to guarantee adequate observance of the boundaries between the units and the centre was granted to a Federal Court. Another notable feature of the Act was its provision for responsible government with safeguards. On behalf of the King, Governor - General was to employ the Federation's executive authority

. The council of ministers advising and supporting the governor general will consist of no more than ten ministers. He was to use his "individual judgements" in some clearly defined situations and use his own judgement in others. The Governor-General was to have the final say over matters pertaining to the Church, tribes, foreign policy, and defence. Ministers, however, were entitled to advise him on these issues.

CONTEXT OF THE ACT

The proposals from the Round Table Conferences and the Simon Commission Report formed the basis of the Act. A 1933 British government report by the Joint Select Committee drew upon the Third Round Table Conference.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE ACT

Many remarkable features, some considered major and some small, are present in this Act. These essential qualities are enumerated below.

FEDERATION

The States and Provinces were formed as members of an All-India Federation under the Act. Then terms under which one of the state might become a part of the federation were laid out in the Instrument of Accession. Then choice to join or not join the federal government was granted to each state by 1935 Act. That the federation was made up of 6 number of Chief Commissioner's provinces, 11 numbers of the Governor's provinces, and a few states that agreed to enlist in the proclaimed federation

. Every unit possessed total authority over its internal functioning. The aforementioned act stipulated that India would form a federation upon the assent of half of the four Indian states. The union's provisions, however, were not implemented since not enough princely states joined.

PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

One of the things that made the new Act better was that it introduced provincial authority. It was definitely a better law than the 1919 Act. The provinces were allowed to operate as autonomous governing bodies inside their assigned areas. Furthermore, the Act instituted responsible government within the provinces, mandating that the governor base decisions on the council of ministers, which is accountable to the provincial assembly. 1937 saw the implementation of this, and 1939 saw its removal. But This does not imply that of this Act

establish an accountable, whole operational Provincial governments. There was little leeway in the Ministers' management of respective departments. The overriding powers of the Governors remained available, even though they were rarely employed.

DIVISION OF SUBJECTS

The plan employed to establish federation and offer autonomy allowed for Subject allocation between the Provinces and the Centre. The Act, 1919 had separated the subjects into three lists, and this Act of 1935 revised and added a few more subjects to that list. After being prohibited at the provincial level, dyarchy was introduced at the federal level by the Act of 1935. There were two categories of federal subjects. topics that are reserved and transferred.

BICAMERAL SYSTEM OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislature the Central level was the bicameral which under Act, 1935, had been established by Assembly in the Federal level and also States' Councils . Every three years, one-third of the members of the Council of States were to retire, serving as the permanent upper house of the assemblies. It was to have 260 members, of which 156 would be from India and there were 104 would be from states from India. The duration of Federal Assembly, the lower house, was five years. A total of 375 members were planned, of which no more than 125 would come from the princely kingdoms and 250 would represent British India.

Different numbers of seats were allotted to the provinces, and the people nominated for the princely states were to occupy the seats designated for them. The Federal legislature was to be chosen by indirect elections. The assembly has a five-year term, though it may be dissolved early. Additionally, Six numbers of the eleven provinces adopted the bicameralism.

. Consequently, such legislatures of the United Seven Provinces, namely Bengal, Bombay, Madras, Bihar, and Assam, were formed as bicameral legislatures, with assembly as the upper house' and council as lower chamber. However, there were numerous restrictions placed upon them.

RETENTION OF COMMUNAL ELECTORATE

Furthering the principle of communal representation, it created electorates specifically for women, labour (workers), and the oppressed classes (scheduled castes). Muslims had 33 % of Federal Legislature seats, but making up far less than one-third of the population in India overall. Even if they hadn't asked for it, workers' and women's representation was distinct.

DISSOLUTION OF THE INDIA COUNCIL

The newly enacted of such Act abolished Council and permitted and appointment Secretary of the State and advisors, the amount of whom have to neither be lower than 3 nor above 5 to 6 . The power of the Secretary in the state over also in the

Transferred subjects which was greatly diminished by provincial autonomy. That being said, he retained control over the Governors' and the Governor General's advisory powers.

EXPANSION OF THE FRANCHISE AND ENLARGEMENT OF LEGISLATURES

Another significant aspect of the Act was its franchise extension. Approximately 10% of the populace was given the ability to vote. This Act brought direct elections to India for the first time.

A FEDERAL COURT

This intended to be set up in compliance with 1935 Act, with purpose interpreting the Act and settling dispute related to matters of the federal level. This Act created important Federal Court with a Chief Justice , a maximum of 6 judges. Federal Court is the only original jurisdiction with which to settle disputes between the Centre and its constituent Units. It was established that appeals might be filed to Privy Council that also from the Federal Court and from all High. In addition, the Federal Court could grant Special Leave to Appeal; in these situations, an appeal could not be filed without a High Court certificate.

REORGANIZATION OF PROVINCES

This Act also involved some sort of reorganisation or restructuring of the provinces. A province was given the name Sindh after it was split off from Bombay. An additional step that has been made is the splitting of Orissa and Bihar into their respective provinces. This Act creates two new provinces, Orissa and Sindh.

FEDERAL RAILWAY AUTHORITY

The Federal Railway Authority, a new body was established by this Act, now has control over the railway. There were 7 members of this authority, and they were not subject to ministerial or councilor oversight. The Governor-General received direct reports from the authority. Convincing the British investor that their investment in the railway was safe

was the primary motivation behind the creation of this authority.

Strict laws governed the 1935 Act. It could not be altered or modified by any Indian legislative body, either federal or interim. The British Government was the only organisation with the authority to change it. The Indian legislature could, at most, attempt to effect a change by putting out a motion to modify the constitution. The British parliament compelled India to accept it.

FEDERAL LEGISLATURE

The Assembly and the State council are the two chambers of the Federal Legislature, in which the Governor General will represent His Majesty. In the same way, Federal's Assembly will consist of the 250 delegates from British India and no above 125 from the States, while the State's Council will be composed of 114 as of British India and no above 114 from States of India.

According to guidelines in the previously mentioned First Schedule, roughly 1:3 in Council of State's members who will retire every three years, but the body will remain permanent and cannot be disbanded. Unless dissolved earlier, each Federal Assembly will remain in existence for 5 years from the date of its first meeting. The Assembly will be dissolved at the conclusion of the five-year period. A meeting of the Chambers shall be called by the Federal Legislature 1935 at least once a year, with a maximum of twelve months not passing between PART II. dates assigned for the start sitting of the next session and the date of the last sitting of the previous session.

In order to address one or both of the Federal Legislature's chambers at the same time, the Governor-General may require attendance from the members. (1) Address; and (2) Messages may be sent to either Federal Chamber by the Governor-General at "Deputy Speaker" in place of "President" and "Deputy President," in that order, and references to the Assembly rather than the Council, the preceding clauses of the section will also apply to Federal Assembly in similar manner as they do to the Council

his discretion. Legislative body, regarding a bill that is either pending or not, and the chamber to whom this correspondence is sent, should consider any matter that the letter asks them to consider as soon as feasible.

All ministers, counsellors, and the freedom to speak shall belong to advocates in general at and take part in any joint sitting of the Chambers and legislative advocate committees of which they may be named general members. All these organisations are not, however, given the ability to vote by this section.

The two Council members who will serve as Chambers, respectively, will be chosen as soon as feasible by the officers of the Council of State. The Council may appoint a different member to assume the role of President or Deputy President in the event that the incumbent nominees are no longer able to serve in that capacity. If a member of the Council resigns from their position, they will also forfeit their status as President or Deputy President of the Council of State, in addition to being dismissed through a resolution approved by Council with the support of a majority of the Council at that time. A resolution cannot be moved for the purposes of this subsection unless the intention to move the resolution has been communicated at least fourteen days in advance. The Deputy President or, in the event that the office of the Deputy President is also empty, any Council member that Governor General may, at his maturity, designate for the objective of will fill in as the President Should the position is vacant. The Deputy President, the President, any member of the Council designated by the Council's procedures, or, in the case that neither of them is present, any other person, shall preside over Council meetings in the absence of the President.

In the event that no such Act of this Federal Legislature specifies otherwise, Governor General who may choose the compensation for the President and Deputy President of the state's council. With the name and the title of the "Speaker" and also the of State. With the understanding that, in the event that the Assembly is dissolved, the Speaker will continue to serve in that capacity until just before to the Assembly's next meeting, as long as this subsection

complies with the regulations outlined in paragraph (2) of this section.

CONCLUSION

This act was an important footstep towards independence of the Indians and also in the supporting restructuring of the state. The government of British passed Act in an attempt to seize power over India and win over modern nationalists. The legislation was detrimental to the Indians because there was no central government, and it had several issues that unintentionally interfered with people's rights and morals. The main reasons the Act was disappointing were that it made no promises about the granting of Dominion Status and did not compassionately address the needs and feelings of politically conscious Indians. Moreover, the New Constitution omitted any reference to the fundamental rights of the people. It just served to highlight how strong the British administration was in relation to the Indians. This Act had been introduced purely for their own financial gain. Despite the aforementioned flaws, the new Act held special importance.

Although this Act was opposed by a large number of Indians, it was important because it paved the way for independence. In terms of all the provinces in India, this Act made things better. The Act established the framework for talks for independence between the Indian and also British political parties. However, the Act introduced several components that finally formed the basis of our Constitution. Thus, the Act 1935 represented sea change in development of Indian constitution as the experiment with provincial autonomy served certain useful purposes. Following India's independence, the Indian Constitution took the place of the Act in 1935.

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