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DELHI MUSLIM PROPOSAL (1927)

Considering separate electorates to be the main hindrance in improving Hindu-Muslim relations, Jinnah proposed that ifthe Congress agreed to provide certain safeguards, the Muslim League would give up this demand. Consequently, the proposals were formally approved at a conference helrl by the Muslim League in 1927 at Delhi. The Delhi Musij proposals proposed the following safeguards: (i) the formation of a separate province of Sindh and (ii) introduction of reforms in the North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan on the same footing as in the other provinces.

Unless and until the above proposals were implemented the Muslim League would not surrender the right of thei' representation through separate electorates. The Muslim League was willing to abandon separate electorates in favour of joint electorates with the reservation of seats fixed in proportion to the population of different communities if the above two proposals weik, implemented to their full satisfaction and also, if the following proposals were accepted: (a) hindu minorities in Sindh, Baluchistan and the North-West Frontier Province be accorded the same concessions in the form of reservation of scats over and above the proportion of their population as Muslims would get in lire Hindu majority provinces; (b) muslim representation in the Central Legislature would not be less than onerthird; and (c) in addition to provisions such as religious freedom, there was to be a further guarantee in the constitution that on communal matters, no bill or resolution would be considered or passed, if, threefourth of the members of the community concerned were opposed to it. These proposals were to be accepted or rejected in total.

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