



# Smart Revision

## *Day of Deliverance 1939*

**Q: Why Muslims celebrate Day of Deliverance 1939? [7]**

Ans: Day of Deliverance was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1939 and thanks-giving prayers were offered by the Muslims of India. It was organized by the Muslims League in order to mark the resignation of congress ministries which ruled in 8 out of 11 provinces of India in November 1939. Muslims all over India heaved a sigh of relief at the end of the congress rule because the policies and attitude of congress was hostile to Muslim population and it was end of congress tyranny.

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The Widdiya Mander Scheme and Wardha Scheme were also parts of congress tyranny 1937-1939. Muslims were forced to study in Manders (Temples) and there was to be no religious education. Spinning of cotton by hand was introduced in school curriculum and teaching was to be in Hindi. The students were also asked to bow before a picture of Gandhi, which was totally unacceptable. Muslims saw these measures just to subvert their love for Islam and convert to Hinduism.

Muslims were also tortured in Hindu riots in which Hindu extremists behaved in an appalling way. Many Muslims believed that their aim was to erase Muslim culture and it seemed to be true as Muslims were forbidden to eat beef and slaughtering of cow was banned. Moreover, Azaan was banned and attacks were carried out on mosques. Even more was injustice as when Muslims lodged complaints against them decisions were always made against Muslims.

Thus, the life, property, religion and culture of Muslims were not safe under congress rule. The Muslims were when congress rule ended.

**Q: Do you agree that the celebration of the 'Day of Deliverance' in 1939 was justified? Give reasons for your answer. [14]**

Ans: The celebration of day of deliverance was fully justified to some extent. Day of Deliverance was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1939 and thanks-giving prayers were offered by the Muslims of India. It was organized by the Muslims League in order to mark the resignation of congress ministries which ruled in 8 out of 11 provinces of India in November 1939. It was passed due to the reason congress rule was hated due to the atrocities committed against the Muslims. One of their policies was to sing Bande Matram before the start of every official business. Its words were against Muslims. So as it was made compulsory as new national anthem it was greatly resulting in offending Muslims culture and religion. The Widdiya Mander Scheme and Wardha Scheme were also parts of congress tyranny 1937-1939. Muslims were forced to study in Manders (Temples) and there was to be no religious education and teaching was to be in Hindi. The students were also asked to bow before a picture of Gandhi, which was totally unacceptable. Muslims saw these measures just to subvert their love for Islam and convert to Hinduism. Muslims were

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Congress was deeply offended by this and Nehru was moved to comment on how Congress and the League now seemed to agree on very little. The unity between the Muslim League and the Congress became irreconcilable and the chance of a future united India even less likely. Congress had resigned partly because Britain stated that India was at war with Germany. Therefore the ML was able to celebrate because Britain was probably more concerned with the war than the future of India. That meant that congress had resigned to a reason but ML took the opportunity and celebrated Day of Deliverance, this thing even more weakened British grip over India as no one was ready to remain under British control in India.

The celebration of day of deliverance was justified as they were now rid of congress oppression and rule of hostility on Muslims. So I agree with the statement that this was fully justified from all sides.

**Q: Why Muslims of the subcontinent celebrated Day of Deliverance? [10]**

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One of their policies was to sing Bande Matram before the start of every official business. Its words were against Muslims. So as it was made compulsory as new national anthem it was greatly resulting in offending Muslims culture and religion. Hosting of Congress flag along with British flag on govt. buildings to show that the Congress was in power was also a policy to tease Muslims.

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Thus, the life, property, religion and culture of Muslims were not safe under congress rule. The Muslims were relieved when congress rule ended.