



Smart Revision

Quit India Resolution

Q: Why was the 'Quit India' Movement formed in 1942? [7]

Ans: It was formed during the 2nd World War following the rejection of Cripps Mission by both ML and Congress. In March 1942, Cripps proposed some proposals which were rejected by both Congress and ML. Muslim rejected because it contained no idea of the Pakistan as a separate state or homeland but the League was insistent that there had to be a firm promise of Pakistan as a separate homeland. Congress rejected as it demanded immediate self-control and independence for India

Another reason was that during the 2nd world war there was Japanese threat to India. It was argued that if the British left India, there would be no longer a threat of Japanese invasion. So they should be persuaded to go by a non-violent protest. So on 8 August 1942 the 'All India Congress Committee' passed 'Quit India Resolution' calling for immediate withdrawal of British.

However the most important reason was that the Congress knew that the British were negotiating with the Indians from a weak position and their grip of India was weakening so the Congress party exploited this, as they knew that for achieving their aim of getting complete independence they had to oppose British rather than to support them. As a result of these Gandhi started his movement in 1942.