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Q. Lucknow pact had seeds of Pakistan. Comment. (250w)

- Lucknow pact was an agreement between the Indian National Congress and All India Muslim League. A session was organised jointly for both the parties at Lucknow in 1916. This pact was important as it enhanced the league's power in Indian politics and established communalism as an unavoidable part of Indian politics despite the apparent harmonious relations between the two communities at the session.

Features of Lucknow Pact

- 1 Demand of communal reservation was accepted by Congress
- 2 Muslims get double the reservation of their numerical population
- 3 System of communal veto was accepted.
- 4 Self government in India.
- 5 Indian Council must be abolished.
- 6 Separation of executive from Judiciary.
- 7 Dominion status should be given.

- ~~This pact helped in uniting the Congress & Muslim League.~~
- It also helped in growing nationalism.
- This pact helped in bringing the Congress & Muslim League to a common ground.

- The acceptance of communal reservation, communal veto was a preface to two nation theory 2

- Criticism of this pact:

1. Approval of $\frac{1}{3}$ representation of the Muslims on the basis of them being a minority as it sowed the seeds of communal politics.
2. This pact made it clear that India has different communities with different interests.
3. Muslim member strength laid down province by province in legislature as it recognised communal representation and communal privileges.
4. Muslim representation was $\frac{1}{3}$ rd in ILC although their population was not even $\frac{1}{3}$ rd.
5. Introduction of communal veto in legislature.

- Conclusion

This entire pact was just a preface of ^{Bridging the} ~~uniting~~ the Congress & All India Muslim League, while looking in depth, it was a pact which gave rise to communalism in India and gave opportunity to Muslims to gain power in Indian politics.