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Q. "Cripps mission as a Post dated cheque"

A. Cripps Mission - 1942

By whom: Cripps + Members of House of Commons ✓

Under: President Churchill (Conservative Party)

Why: Participation of Indian soldiers & forces in support of British in the world war - II.
Loss to the US, UK ... allies in the world war. ✓

Deal: Under this mission India was promised certain points towards India's demands for freedom if Indian forces supported the allies in world war II. ✓

Key points under Cripps Mission - 1942

• Dominion status to India. ✓

• Indian Constitution Committee to be formed for drafting Constitution. ✓

• Earliest self govt in India.

• Privately state law independently sign with the British govt.

• India to be continued to ruled by Britishers. ✓

Outcome: India, by 1942 had very high motives of 'Complete Independence' or 'Purna Swaraj' & ✓
Cripps mission failed to meet India's aspirations

Opposed by major leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jinnah & organisations like Muslim League. ✓

However a group of leaders also saw this as a way of India's supremacy - C Rajgopalchary, Vallabhbhai, Maulana Azad

Mahatma Gandhi - called the Cripps mission a "Post dated cheque" (of a fallen bank)
Conclusions from this statement can be as follows.

✓ • No timeline of full filling the objectives mentioned in Cripps mission

Thus it can be considered a way to temporarily pacify Indian Nationalist.

India would not move towards Purna Swaraj any time sooner.

✓ Fallen Bank - signifies the broken & weakened status of Allies forces in world war, thereby a weak Britain seeking for help from India.

Cripps mission lacked adequate representation of all communities & real transfer of power at the same time the idea of separate bonds with princely states would result in Divided India.

Conclusion :

The strong opposition to Cripps mission gave rise to Quit India Movement - Aug 1942, which had just one objective & no demand from govt - "British Quit India".

Cripps missions had no immediate benefits to India & was just meant to delay the response on demands of Nationalist, thus can be rightly said as "Post Dated Cheque".