

Q.7 What was Partition of Bengal? What were the motives of Curzon? What was it called?

Ans.7

PARTITION OF BENGAL :-

It was an event where the British govt. decided to split Bengal into 2 entities i.e. Eastern & Western Bengal in October, 1905.

The decision to divide Bengal was made in 1903, two years before the partition which created an unrest among the people.

Bengal was a huge territory, both in size & in population. At that time, Bengal used to have roughly 8.3 crore population. Also, its area included the present day Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Odisha & Bangladesh.

MOTIVES OF CURZON :-

Lord Curzon gave following reasons behind partition of Bengal -

- ① administrative convenience
- ② as Assam was quiet secluded from rest of British India & had

hilly terrain, so for its proper development, ~~Partition~~ ~~was~~ partition was done.

But the real motives behind Curzon were :-

- to hammer upon the growing Hindu-Muslim ^{unity} in nationalist movement.
- Calcutta was a centre of nationalist struggle. So, they wanted ~~Bengalis~~ to keep Bengalis on double-check.

ANNULMENT OF PARTITION :-

The British govt. felt that their motives of stopping the growing nationalism among Indians could be fulfilled but instead it reversed their expectations.

~~People~~ Partition fuelled up Indians to extra energy to fight against Britishers' oppressive rule.

Further, economically Swadeshi Movement dented the British economy in England. With these growing pressures, ~~the~~ govt. annuled the partition in 1911.