

Q- what was the main issue of the split? what were the main issues of the moderates and extremists? (250 words) answer:-

in 1905 after partition of Bengal leaders of congress was Peved because this partition break hinders - muslim unity. In this circumstances, some congress leader wants to take Reformist action whereas some wants Revolutionary. Hence, difference came to fore.

In 1907, Surat session of congress, leaders met in quite anger and Resentment

atmosphere and due to various ideology of leaders leading division of congress into moderates and extremist group. Main leaders of moderates were Dada Bhai Nauroji, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Ras Bihari Ghose etc where as main leader of extremist were Lala Lajpat Rai, Bal gangadhar Tilak, Bipin chandra Pal.

Main Reason of split:-

The two main objectives placed by the extremist were that:-

- (i) Demand for resolution of Swaraj
- (ii) Lala Lajpat Rai to be made the president of INC.

These two demands were not acceptable to the moderates hence the Congress split into two & term used as Surat Split.

#### Main Issues b/w Moderates and Extremists

- 1) Moderates emphasis on progressive improvement where as extremist emphasis on fast or reactionary improvement.
  - 2) The extremist wanted to extend the Boycott & Swadeshi Movement to regions outside Bengal where as moderates were not in favour of extending the movement beyond Bengal & totally opposed to boycott.
  - 3) At Calcutta Session in 1906, extremists wanted either Tilak or Lajpat Rai as president whereas moderates proposed the name of Dada Bhai Naoroji.
  - 4) The extremists wanted the 1907 Session to be held in Nagpur with Tilak or Lajpat Rai as the president where as moderates wanted the session at Surat in order to exclude Tilak from the presidency & wanted Rashbihari Ghosh as the president.
- Because of this major issues Congress split in Surat.

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Conclusion:-

The Swat Split was a big jolt to the Indian national congress. In fact the difference b/w the moderates & the extremist give an opportunity to the british. The Swat Split was a victory of british policy of divide and Rule. Yes, British was not succeeded in partition of Bengal but it lead to partition of Congress.

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