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**Questions:**

**Q. Why Khilafat Movement failed and what was the role of Congress in its failure?**

**ANS:** Khilafat movement failed for various reasons and Indian National Congress had played a big part in it.

1. **Muslims were not in touch with Realism:**

The Muslims of India at this time were not so in touch with reality. They blindly believed that the sole purpose of their existence was to restore Khilafat. They had forgotten that they had been being oppressed by the Hindus and the British alike. A community which has yet to attain its freedom is unable to provide any kind of relief to outsiders. Muslims had failed to realise what the people of Turkey had wanted and started to carry out their beliefs without a second thought.

1. **Tehrik-e-Hijrat (1920):**

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Maulana Mohammad Ali Johar had told the Muslims of India that they had to leave India as it has become a Dar-ul-Harb (A place unfit for Muslims to live) seeing this the Muslims sold all their land and started a hijrat towards Afghanistan. When the Muslims arrived at the border, they were turned away leaving the Muslims penniless and homeless.

1. **Molaph uprising in Malabar (1921):**

This was a violent uprising that had taken place by deeply religious Molaphs. This led to the death of thousands and Hindus. Seeing this the British took action and suppressed the Molaphs killing more than 4000 Molaphs.

1. **The Congress Role:**

Gandhi seeing the tension between the Muslims and the British decided to take advantage of the situation and protest alongside the Muslims. Gandhi decided to go along and started the “Satyagraha” protest across India. This angered the British government and created disorder and violence which resulted in the calling of the protest. One such incident was:

1. **The Chauri-Chura Incident (1922):**

A group of protesters under the orders of Gandhi had gathered for a non-violence protest but soon the movement went out of control and the protesters turned violent and clashed with the police burning a police station, resulting in the death of several police officers seeing this Gandhi called of the movement. Dealing another blow to the Khilafat movement.

1. **End of Khilafat in Turkey:**

Ultimately, the real reason Khilafat Movement had failed was due to Khilafat being ended in Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk on March 3, 1924. This had rendered the entire movement useless and the sacrifices of the Muslims to go in vain. Dealing a final nail in the coffin of Khilafat movement leading to an untimely death in March 1924.

**Q.2. How Khilafat Movement proved that Hindus and Muslims were two different nations as they could not continue the unity, and ultimately paved the way for Pakistan movement?**

**ANS:** Many Hindus and Muslims alike had been hurt by the movement namely Chauri Chura and Molaphs uprising. Although the Hindus and Muslims were working together, they had a lot of friction among each other. Hindus did not like working with the Muslims. After the protest was called off by Ghandhi, Muslims had finally become aware of their position in India. It had become quite apparent that the Muslims of India could not stay together with the Hindus as soon they would become the dominant power of India. This made the Muslims even more aware of their political standing in India. Muslims had finally come to terms with them being a minority in India and that they had a separate identity. They had realised that the Congress had used the trust of the Muslims to attain their own political interest and that they had been left alone. It was then that due to the betrayal Nationalism was born among the Muslims, they had wanted to separate themselves from the Hindus. These factors led to the Muslims asking for a separate electorate in Simla Deputation this was proof that the Muslims had grown tired of the Hindus and the British. These events influenced the Muslims of India which eventually led to the Pakistani Movement and the creation of Pakistan in 1947.

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