

## Day-2

? Question:

Moderate of level → Cognitive  
dimensions / diagrams / innovative

✓ Discuss how the Government of India Acts of 1858 and 1861 reflect the British response to the Revolt of 1857 — not just as a political crisis, but as an administrative reckoning.

1858 और 1861 के भारत सरकार अधिनियम 1857 की विद्रोह के प्रति ब्रिटिश प्रतिक्रिया को केवल एक राजनीतिक संकट नहीं, बल्कि एक प्रशासनिक पुनर्विचार के रूप में कैसे दर्शाते हैं — इस पर चर्चा कीजिए। 38M

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## Background

1857 revolt of Sepoy, was watershed movement, which sowed seed of Nationalism, which stir roots of Colonial regime result in uprooting Company rule.

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## Feature of 1858 & 1861

<u>1858 Act</u>	<u>1861 Act</u>
i) Abolish Company rule	i) Portfolio System
ii) Establish British Raj	ii) Inclusion of Indians in legislature
iii) Secretary of State post	iii) Decentralising of power
iv) Transfer of Armed forces	



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## Impact of 1858 and 1861 Act on Political, Administrative Reckoning

### a) Response to Political Crisis

#### i) Transfer of Political Rule

1858 Act Shifted rule  
of Company to British Crown. It  
endeavours to fill political Crisis.  
Created due to 1857 Revolt

#### ii) Transfer of Armed force.

Companies Troops were  
transferred to in service of British Govt.

#### iii) Abolish Dual Government

eliminates Board of Control and  
Court of Director



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iv) Creation of Secretary of State post

Representative of Crown in India.  
responsible for Indian administration

v) Decentralisation of political power

restored legislative power to Bombay  
Madras presidencies.

vi) Administrative Reckoning

vii) Post of Secretary of State

responsible for Indian administration

viii) Reforms in Indian Civil Service

ix) Inclusion of Indian in  
administration

governance



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### iii) Portfolio System

each member assigned specific responsibilities  
of administration eg: Home, revenue etc

### iv) Expansion of Legislative Council

Nominate Indian member to

Legislative Council, eg →  
Raja of Banaras  
Maharaja of  
Patna  
Dinkar Rao

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