



# Polity Class Notes for IAS and PCS

## Chapter no1: Historical Background

### (Acts and Regulations)

<b>Historical Background</b>	
➤	Exclusive right of Trading in India started under a charter granted by Queen Elizabeth – 1.
➤	In 1765 –EIC (East India Company) obtained diwani rights (i.e. Right over Revenue , Civil Justice) of Bengal, Bihar, Orissa.
➤	After 1857 – Sepoy Mutiny wake, British crown came direct under the British govt. from company unit & this rule continued till 15 August 1947.
➤	M.N. Roy (Communist) was Ist to put idea of constitution of India in 1934 & constitution assembly was formed for this purpose in 1946.
<b>Company Rule (1773 – 1858)</b>	
<b>Regulating Act of 1773</b>	
➤	Ist step taken by British govt. to control & regulate affair of East India company & laid the foundation of Central Administration in India.
➤	Governor of Bengal become Governor General (G.G) of Bengal and Bombay & Madras become subordinate. G.G of Bengal was assisted by 4 Member & warren Hasting was Ist G.G of Bengal.
➤	Establish SC at Calcutta with 1 chief justice and 3 Judge
➤	Prohibit to take Bribe servants of company
➤	By this, Court of Direct (CD) – Governing body of company to report on its Revenue, Civil and Military Affair. It was commercial control.
<b>Pitts India Act of 1784</b>	
➤	Called “Act of Settlement” or Rectify of 1773 Act
➤	By this, BC – Board of Control to manage the Political Affair.
➤	By it control on Company Affair & Supervise & direction all operation of Civil, Military, Revenue matter.
<b>Charter Act of 1833</b>	
➤	Final step toward Centralization in British India.
➤	G.G of Bengal become G.G of India – Ist was”Lord Willan Bentick”
➤	Regulation – changed into Act
➤	It Attempt to – open civil service exam but not proceed
➤	Appointment of Law Member in Governor General Council.
<b>Charter Act 1853</b>	
➤	Ist time, legislative and executive function of G.G Council. And it provides 6 additional member called “Legislative Council”.
➤	civil service exam started , Macaulay Committee formed (on civil services in 1854)
➤	It introduced Ist time – Local representation in Indian (central) legislative council of 6 New



legislative member of GG Council.

- Member from – Madras + Bombay + Agra + Bengal

### **Crown Rule (1858 – 1947)**

#### **Act 1858**

- Govt. of India Act 1858: Called “Act for Good governance of India”
- GG. of India become Viceroy of India – It was Lord Canning
- Board of Control & Court of Director was Abolish
- Not interfere policy adopted
- New office created – Secretary of State (was member of cabinet of British) with complete Authority & control over Indian Administration
- Company Rule abolish & all Administration came under British govt. directly.

#### **Act of 1861**

- Portfolio system introduced
- Empowered viceroy to issue ordinance
- It made beginning of representation institutions by associating Indians with law – making process. It provides viceroy should nominate same Indian as Non official member of council.
- SC at Madras, Bombay & Allahabad.

#### **Act 1892**

- This Act provide legislative council receive the power of discuss the budget.

#### **Act 1909**

- Morley (Secretary) – Minto (Viceroy) reform
- Ist time – Satyendra Prasad Sinha became Ist Indian to Join executive council. He appointed as law member.
- Introduced system of communal representation for Muslim so Lord Minto called Known as – “Father of Communal Electorate”.
- This provide separate representation of Presidency to universities, Zamidar & Commence Chamber

#### **Act 1919**

- Montague – Chelmsford Reform
- Dyarchy Introduced
  - Transferred subject (Administered by (G) with aid of Minister)
  - Reserved subject (administered by (G) with his executive without responsible to council)
- Bicameralism & Direct election in India introduced
- It extended principal of communal representation to Sikhs + Indian Christians + Anglo Indians + Europeans
- It create high commissioner for India in London
- It established – Public Service Commission (PSC) (But force in 1926)
- It separates Ist time provincial budget from central budget.

#### **Act 1935**

- It create federal list & provincial list
- Abolish dyarchy, adoption dyarchy at centre
- Introduced communal representation by providing separate electorate for depressed class & women & labour.

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- Establish RBI & Joint – PSC.
- Establish Federal Court.
- Separation of Burma from India.
- Union Federation
- President got power to ordinance.
- It was resulted in 3<sup>rd</sup> RTC (Round table conference)

### **Act 1947**

- On Feb 20, 1947, British PM – Clement Attlee declared British rule in India ended by June 30, 1948.
- Lord Mount Batten (Viceroy of India) put forth partition plan called “Mount Batten Plan” & Balkin Plan.
- It was accepted by Congress & Muslim league.
- Abolish office of Viceroy, empowered Constituent Assemblies
- Abolish Secretary of State
- Lord Mount Batten – became Ist G.G of (New Dominion India) and Nehru became Ist P.M.
- Constitution Assembly of India formed in 1946 become the Parliament of Indian Dominion.

### **Note**

- Lee Commission – Civil servant
- Indian Independence Bill Introduced in British on 4 July, 1947 & Got royal assent on – 18 July, 1947 and Come in force on – 15 August, 1947
- Redcliff – Formed boundary between India & Pakistan.
- Power to Introduced Ordinance by President – act 1935
- Act 1833 – Ist time made it possible for Indians to take some part share in Administration



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