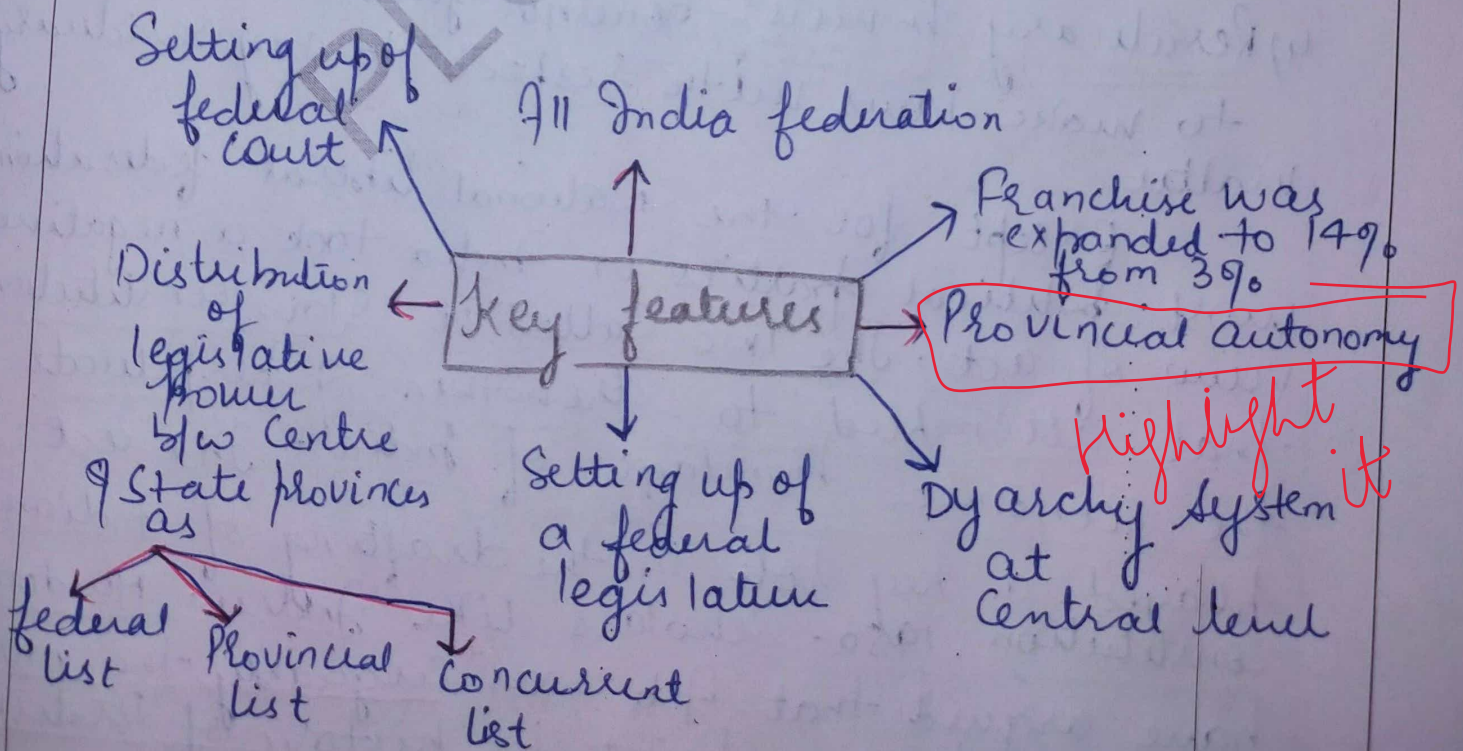


Gol act 1935 gave autonomy to provinces but it was not enough to fulfill desires of Indians. Discuss?

The 'Gol act 1935' was passed by British parliament in 1935 & came into effect in 1937. This act was based on 'Joint Select Committee Report' led by 'Lord Linlithgow' that was actually the result of 'Scrutiny of White Paper' published in 1933 (3rd Round table conference) along with Simon Commission report of demand for constitutional reforms in India by Indian leaders.

Features of Gol act 1935



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But federation was not a true federal system as it had contained many flaws such as:-

- 1) Discretionary powers:- Many special tremendous powers were given to Governors & Governor General that could lead to dictatorship.
- 2) Legislation regarding provincial list:- In case of emergency proclaimed by Governor General, federal legislature had power to legislate w.r.t subjects of provincial list.
- 3) Defective federation:- Entry into the federation was made compulsory for provinces but voluntary to the princely States. States were still under the autocratic rule of the princes.
- 4) Residuary powers:- Governor General was empowered to make laws with respect to any residuary matter.

Except for the National Liberal Federation, most political parties in India took a negative view of act. The IWC called it "Slave Constitution that attempted to strengthen & perpetuate the economic bondage of India". The act played a key role in the drafting of Indian Constitution, also. Scholars like "Andrew Hudson" have argued that Act was "arguably the most significant turning point in history of British administration in India". The act also had regressive provisions of "divide & rule", such as expansion of separate electorate. Thus the act was designed to revise the workings but not weaken the realities of British Power.

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