

Second World War

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Indian National Congress & World War II

1. Official Stance and Demands



- **Condition for Cooperation:** The Congress policy was to offer cooperation to Britain **only if** they were given a full and immediate assurance of Complete Independence.
- **Refusal of Support:** They refused to support the war effort without this guarantee.
- **Condemnation of Axis Powers:** The Congress condemned Nazism, Fascism, and the Nazi invasion of Poland.

2. Reason for Resignation (1939)

- **British Action:** The British Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, declared India a participant in the war against Germany without consulting the Indian Legislature or elected councils.
- **Congress Response:** In protest against this unilateral action, the Congress Ministries in all provinces resigned in **October 1939**.
- **Tenure:** They had been in power for **28 months** before resigning.

3. Nature of Collaboration

- The Indian National Congress **did not** actively collaborate or assist the British in World War II.
- Their stated position was that India could not be compelled to fight a war to defend democracy while being denied that same freedom itself.

The British Government's Actions

Declaration of War

- Britain made India a part of World War II without the consent of Indian representatives.
- The Viceroy, **Lord Linlithgow**, announced India's entry into the war on **October 17, 1939**.

World War II Timeline & Key Figures

Duration of the War



- World War II began on **September 1, 1939**, with Germany's invasion of Poland.
- The war ended in **1945** after the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

Leadership

- **Winston Churchill** was the Prime Minister of Britain during World War II (from **1940 to 1945**).

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