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Montagu - Chelmsford Report (MCR) on Indian constitutional reforms is worth to be claimed as the Magna Carta of Modern India. Discuss.

Montagu - Chelmsford Reform relaxed the central control over the provinces by demarcating and separating the central and provincial subjects.

The central and provincial legislatures were authorised to make law on their respective list of subjects.

This framework for devolution of power and gave self-governance to the presidency.

Montagu - Chelmsford reform, for the first time introduced direct elections in the country.

This reform gives some liberties to the Indian people in the form of self-governance and federal structure. So it is worth to be claimed as the magna carta of Modern India.

It also elucidate the principle of accountable governance by directing that the

"Government of India must remain wholly responsible to parliament".

Montague Chelmsford Reforms laid the basis for the Government of India Act, 1935 and became the Constitution of India.

The key principle of Responsible government grew out of these reforms. MCR are thus, worthy claimants of the title of the

Magna Carta of Modern India.