

Abstract Details

Title: Akbar's Land Revenue System

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Abstract: The present study is an attempt to throw light on land revenue system in Mughal state. Concerning the research work of Mughal Empire, one can find plenty of written work about its administration. But what has become a matter of controversy for the years is Mughal State and its land revenue system. As land revenue system has always been chief source of income for the state treasury, therefore, Mughal Emperors Babar and Humayun followed Sultanate period and collected revenue on the basis of old records resulting a totally failure system. It was only Akbar, the great Mughal emperor, who introduced a definite and filtered revenue system which with the due course of time proved to be workable and profitable for the whole kingdom as well as the state because he inaugurated this system with the survey of the land and ascertain of the actual production of the soil. The motive behind this highly centralized and essentially extractive revenue system was to extract the whole surplus and leaving the peasants immoderate. The whole revenue system was oriented towards state and become a high source of income required to meet the cash demands of the tax system. To sum up, it can be concluded that the trade was sterile as it was mounted towards the benefits of the state highly but a little production was consumed by the peasants and a huge amount of it was doubtless exchanged to meet revenue demands, and to increase commercial economy to be consumed by the state.

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