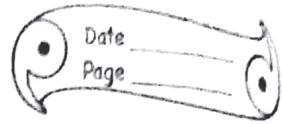


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## ESTABLISHMENT of COMPANY POWER



- 1) What do you mean by Doctrine of lapse?
- 2) What do you mean by subsidiary alliance system?
- 3) What do you mean Annexation?
- 4) Who annexed Awadh in 1856?
- 5) Discuss and explain the difference strategies of the British to acquire new territories.

### Answer

1) Ans:- If a ruler did not have a child, it was an accepted practice to adopt one. But the British refused to recognise such adoptions. So when the ruler of a subsidiary or protected state died without a natural heir, the state could not pass to the adopted child but was annexed to British territory instead.

2) ans:- In the subsidiary alliance system, an Indian ruler had to maintain British troops in his state, either by giving some of his territory or by paying for the maintenance of the troops. This system allowed the British to maintain a large army at the expense of local rulers. The Indian ruler could not fight or sign treaties with any other power. The rulers who joined this system, like the Nizam of Hyderabad and Nizam of Awadh, got security but lost their independence.

3) ans:- Annexation means to take control of a neighbouring territory, usually with the use of force.

4) ans:- In 1856, Dalhousie annexed Awadh without any provocation, and its ruler Wajid Ali Shah was deposed. This act of British was universally condemned and became one of the main causes behind the Revolt of 1857.