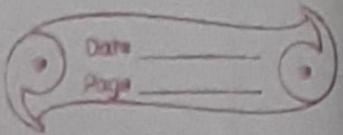


Rural life and Society

HW



Q1) Who introduced Patha System in India for the first time?

Ans) Sher Shah Suri introduced Patha System in India for the first time.

Q2) Name three important land revenue policies introduced by British in India?

Ans) The three important land revenue policies introduced by British in India are:

i) Permanent Settlement of Bengal.

ii) Ryotwari System

iii) Mahalwari System

Q3) Name the land revenue policy introduced by Lord Cornwallis in Bengal? And explain?

Ans) The land revenue policy introduced by Lord Cornwallis in Bengal was the Permanent Settlement of Bengal. The zamindars were required to pay a fixed amount in cash on a fixed date as land revenue to the treasury, irrespective of what they could collect. Slowly the zamindars bought more areas under cultivation, and made more money while they paid the same fixed amount to the Company. Many zamindars benefited more than either the Company or the peasants.

Q4) What was the reform brought by Sher Shah Suri in land records?

Ans → During the rule of Sher Shah Suri, land was measured and patras (written records of land ownership) given for the first time. Revenue charged depending on the fertility of the soil / land. In times of drought or famine the revenue was reduced, or at times even not collected.

Q5) Mention how Permanent Settlement System became advantages to the british?

Ans → * The zamindars turned out to be firm supporters of the british.

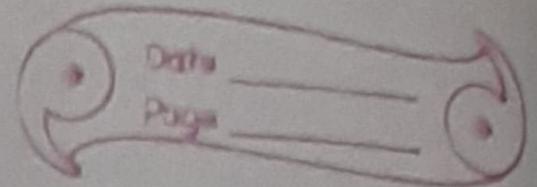
* By fixing the land revenue, the British government ensured that it received the same fixed amount on a fixed date.

* It was easier to deal with a few zamindars than with hundreds of farmers.

Q6) Mention how Permanent Settlement System became disadvantages for the farmers?

Ans → * The zamindars ill-treated the farmers to extract the revenue.

* Small farmers who had to either sell or mortgage their lands to pay the revenue



became landless zamindars.

- * Many land owners were evicted from their land by the British because they did not have papers to prove that they ~~do~~ owned the land.
- * To meet increasing expenses the government had to increase ^{the} tax in other provinces.