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By Noman Ahmad Siddiqi

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Land revenue was the most important source of income in Mughal India. Besides this, there were other sources of income for the state. In the first section of this unit we will discuss the latter. selfstudyhistory.com. The contemporary sources provide detailed information about land revenue but on other taxes it is sketchy and brief. The Mughals had a well-organized and sophisticated monetary system. The imperial coinage was unprecedented both in quantity as well as in quality. The credit for attempting to establish a coinage free from any trace of debasement goes to Sher Shah, but it was under Akbar that the currency system fully matured. Mughal Empire had a tri-metallic currency with a high level of purity and uniformity throughout their vast empire. 24. N.A. Siddiqi Land Revenue Administration of the Mughals (1700-1750). 25. G.S. Sardesai New History of the Marathas, Vol. I 26. 30. P. Saran Provincial Government under the Mughals. 31. S. Nurul Hasan Thoughts on Agrarian relations in Mughal India. 32. V.I. Chicherov Indian : Economic Development in the 16th -18th centuries. Land Revenue System under Mughal. During the period of disorders and confusion after the reigns of Sher Shah and Islam Shah the prominent experiments of revenue system of Surs were nullified. However, Akbar, who had inherited the old system of government and the time-tested customs and procedures, after acquiring the throne, found that there were three types of land in the country namely the Khalsa or crown-lands, the Jagir lands and the Sayurghat lands. Out of these lands the Jagir lands were supervised by some nobles who obtained the local revenues out of which they provided a portion of the The land revenue system under Mughals can be divided into following three categories. Ghalla Bakshi (crop sharing) also known as Batai and Bhaoli. Abu Fazal in his Ain-i-Akbari has described three methods of crops sharing, they are Land Revenue System Under British. British got Diwani rights of Bengal, Bihar, and Orissa in 1765. The major aim of British East India Company was to increase their land revenue collection. So its policies were aimed at getting maximum income from land without caring about its consequences on cultivators and peasants. The entire burden of Company s profits, cost of its administration and expenses on wars and conquests were mainly borne by the peasants. Permanent Settlement System.