

Land Revenue System & Administration during Mughal Raj

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ABSTRACT

The empire of the Mughal was an Indo-Islamic dominant force, which ruled a large proportion of the african continent from 1526 to the middle of the 19th century .. The emperors of the Mughal were Timurids descendants. The Delhi sultans found themselves to be Khalifa leaders before the arrival of Mughals. Normally, i.e. The Niab-i-Amir-ul-Buhammam. They also tried to obtain his recognition and strike coins on his behalf. By so bearing their political sovereignty, the Mughal rulers took the nickname 'Badshah.' Akbar has gone so far as to remove Mullahs and Ulema interference. In September, A.D. 1579. A special declaration called the Mahjar or the decree of infallibility, which bears the signatures of the then famous Maulvis, Abdul Navi and Makhdum-ulMulK, etc. In God's eyes, the declaration declared that the just king ranks above the supreme religious leader. Therefore the King's insubordination is the insubordination of Allah. The Decree empowered Akbar to issue a final verdict or FATWA to be the sole arbiter of Muslim law. Taking into account the values of Quran, he was entitled to provide advice for the public's welfare. The declaration removed religion from politics and laid the foundation for moderate Mughal religious tolerance policies. Akbar appointed them in senior government positions with the introduction of a liberal policy against non-Muslims. Jazia and pilgrimage taxes he waived and a matrimonial alliance with the Rajputs was established. It was a novel political vision that led to the development of Muslim-Lndo society. A particular feature of Akbar's political vision was the hegemony over about 100 governors, who regularly paid him homage, gave him lavish donations and extended him military aid during times of war. Several such officials have been named as Mansabdars in the country. The emperors of the Mughal reaffirmed the Universal Rule of Kings Theory. To them, God's (Zileh-Elahi) shadow was a king onearth.

1. Introduction

The smallest and most important administrative unit in the Mughal Empire was the village of Panchayat, composed of respectable and ancient villagers. Panchayat took care and settled disputes in the village of cleanliness, basic education, and religious squares. In addition, government officials e.g. The villages also were home to PatwariMukaddam and Chowkidars. Mukaddam collected the farmers' taxes while Chowkidar watched over the village. Patwari maintained land record, Kotwals was in charge of large cities with the main functions of peacekeeping, clean-up arrangements, traders regulation, tight monitoring of prostitutes and drunkards and the treatment of the city's strangers. The emperors of the Mughal were rulers only. The palace for the appellants was Jehangir hanged outside of hi. Akbar sought to set up a fair judiciary. The empire's Supreme Court was the emperor's own court. The center 's Chief Qazi and Sardar administered Islamic law justice. Subedars concluded criminal proceedings in the provinces, while Diwans resolved civil proceedings. The provincial Qazis ruled on the civil charges.

In the Indian history, the Mughal era is often regarded as the most illuminated period. In this period the empire was characterized by a highly centralized government that linked the various regions of the country. By all its major socio- political and economic manifestations the Mughals shaped India. Their flamboyant legacy, characterized by the extension of the religion of Persia, dominated even today in the Indian subcontinent. The Mughal Dynasty founder Zahirud-din

Muhammad Babur roamed as a wanderer after his key Farghana was lost. In 1526, at the First Battle of Panipat, Babur defeated the last of the sultans in Delhi, Ibrahim Shah Lodi. Babur 's obvious success was attributed to his sophisticated use of guns and cannons through military knowledge. Babur then defeated Chittor's Rana Sanga to defend his newly established kingdom. In 1530, Babur 's son Humayun succeeded him; however, he was over thrown by the Pashtun Sher Sher Shah Suri and, before his rise, he lost most of the Empire. In 1540 Humayun became exile king, but on 14 February 1556, Humayun returned to the country and recaptured Delhi in 1555. Akbar has made reforms, religious tolerance and firm financial control three great achievements. The Mughals were likewise completely independent. This took shape in particular during the Akbar period, when in 1579 he published his popular mazhar.³ He was called Akbar, because he was a wise ruler and set fair yet high charges. In some regions, he analyzed development and placed a one-fifth of his agricultural produce on the population. Raised in a household in Hindu Rajput, Akbar was more egalitarian as he addressed the Empire's non-muslim topics. He also established an effective bureaucracy and was tolerant of religious differences that alleviated local people 's resistance. He made alliances with Rajputs and in his royal court appointed Hindu generals and directors. Later in life, he created his own religious brand focused on compassion and influenced by Hinduism and Islam viewpoints. The 1605–1627 Empire was ruled by Jahangir, the son of Akbar. The son of Jahangir, Shah Jahan, ascended the throne in October1627. Through it he owned a vast and

prosperous empire. This was definitely the largest power of the world at the mid-century. By 1700, Aurangzeb Alamgir had reached its peak, with the great majority of contemporary India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. The last of what is now known as the Grand Mughal rulers, was Aurangzeb.

2. Review of Related Literature

Krishnaswami et al. (2012) described that the Mughal were a branch of the Pahleves of Parthians is the opinion of some scholars, like father Heras; but there is no positive evidence for the Phalava migration into the south. That Mughal were an indigenous dynasty which rose to power after the dismemberment of the Andhra empire, is another thesis. Probably their leaders gathered around themselves the Kurumbas, the Moravars, the killers and other predatory tribes in order to form one great community.

Avari et al. (2010) described that the Mughal belonged to the ancient Naga people who themselves were composed of a primitive Negri, an element of Australasian and the later mixed race. To start with they lived in the Tondaimandalam districts around Madras. Later, they conquered Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts. The Mughal recruited their troops from the martial tribute of pallis of Kurumbas.

Hermann et al. (2010) described that the Mughal were the hereditary enemies of Tamil Kings. Even now the term pallava means a rogue in Tamil language; and a section of the Mughal who settled in the Chola and Pandya countries came to be known as kallar or thieves. All these people doubtless belong to a Nagarace.

Marilyn et al. (2011) described that Mughal dynasty emerged and owed its origin to a Chola prince and the Naga princess of Manipallavam an island near Ceylon. According to this theory, the son born out of the wedlock was made the king of Tondaimandalam by his father, and the dynasty was so named after his mother's home land.

Cadambi et al. (2011) argues that the Mughal are mentioned as Tondaiyar in the literature of the Sangam era and that they were descended from the Naga chieftains but owed allegiance to the Satavahana kings. But this theory, too, is doubtful because of their continual fight with the Cholas and their striking northern character as compared to the Cholas.

Coomar et al. (2012) argues that the Mughal were a branch of the Brahmin dynasty of the Vekatakas. Except for their early copper-plate charters which are in Prakrit. All the other epigraphic records are in Sanskrit. Hiuen-Tsang says that their language and literature differed very slightly from that of northern India. The Talagunda inscription, however, states that the Mughal were Kshatriyas.

Prasad et al. (2010) mentioned that the cult of Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva became important during the period of Mughal dynasty and Kanchipuram became an important pilgrim center for the Hindu devotees. Kanchipuram, the capital of the Mughal, also became an important center of Tamil and Sanskrit studies.

Raghava et al. (2011) described that the temples became not the only places of worship, but they became important cultural and administrative centers where festivals were held and people also gathered in the temples to solve local problems, as the temples governed large areas of land and the people thereof.

Heras et al. (2011) described that there are two points about taxes. The land revenue varied from one-sixth to one

tenth of the produce of the land. This was paid to the State. The local taxes that were collected in a village were spent for the needs of the village.

Shukla et al. (2012) described that as land revenue was necessarily small, the State revenue was supplemented by additional taxes on draught cattle, marriage-parties, potters, makers of clarified butter, textile manufacturers, washer men and weavers. The major source of revenue was from land, since the revenue from mercantile activity was not fully exploited.

Agrawal et al. (2012) described that regarding expenditure, most to the revenue went for the maintenance of army. The king preferred a standing army instead of feudal levied. The army primarily consisting of foot soldiers and cavalry along with a sprinkling of elephants. Indeed the Mughal developed a navy although the mercantile activity was not great. Two dockyards were built at Mahablipuram and Nagabatom.

Kailash et al. (2009) described that pioneering effort of the Mughal reached its climax during the days of Cholas. The navy served a double purpose. It was meant for defence and also assisted the maritime trade with south-east Asia, particularly with the three kingdoms of Kambuja (Cambodia) Champa (Annam) and Shrivijaya (Malayan peninsula and Sumatra).

Ahmad et al. (2005) described that Simha Vishnu is the founder of Mughal dynasty and is considered to be a very efficient and strong conqueror. After Simha Vishnu death, his son Mahendrarman (571 – 630 CE) became the king. He was a very efficient ruler and a learned man.

Allchin et al. (2008) described that the construction of the famous cave temple at Mahabalipuram was his initiation. However, the tales of prosperity of Mughal dynasty reached far and wide and Chalukya Pulakesi-II learnt about the richness and abundance of the kingdom. Chalukya attacked the kingdom and defeated Mahendrarman.

Allen et al. (2014) described that in the battle the defeat was the main cause for the death of Mahendrarman. After him Narasimharman his son ascended the throne. He vowed to take revenge for the death of his father. He was a well built man who was also very intelligent. With much planning and tact, he virtually destroyed the kingdom of Chalukya Pulakesi.

Archarya et al. (2014) described that later Narasimharman continued the construction of the cave temple which was stalled temporarily. Dandin the Sanskrit writer was his court poet.

Arora et al. (2012) described that Kailasnatha and Vaikuntha Perumal temple of Kanchi known for beautiful sculptures were extended during the period of Narasimharman (700-728 CE). He was given the title of "Mamalla", which could be the reason why Mahabalipuram is also known as Mamallapuram. He got many temples constructed all over his kingdom.

Arnold et al. (2013) described that the Mughal Kings did not patronize Tamil language and in their early administrative system they followed the Satavahana style instead of the Tamil style. These evidences strongly supported the theory that the Mughal were non-Tamil in their origin. But scholars are not unanimous in this regard. They put number of theories about their origin.

Barigozzi et al. (2006) described that Mughal as foreigners, belonging to the Mughal or Parthian race. But this theory had not been accepted by all. Prof. Dubreuil told that Mughal minister

of Rudradamana, Subisakha was the ancestor of the Mughal of Kanchi. But this theory has not been accepted either.

Barpujari et al. (2010) described that Mughal were the offspring of a Chola prince and a Naga Princess of Manipallavam. Thus Mughal is the name of a dynasty not a tribe or class. Dr. K Aiyanger gave us a third theory where he called the Mughal as feudatories of the Satavahanas. Prof. Rawlinson and other scholars have stressed on the indigenous southern origin of the Mughal Dynasty.

Barua et al. (2006) described that there is some substance in this theory nothing definitely can be said about their origin.

Barua et al. (2012) described that the history of the region south of the Vindhyas between 300 and 750 A.D. constitutes a water-shed. After the collapse of the Satavahanas, Ikshvakus rose to power in the Krishna-Guntur region. They were supplanted by the pallavas.

K.L. et al. (2006) described that in northern Maharashtra and Vidharba the Satavahanas were succeeded by the Vakatakas. They in turn, were followed by the Chalukyas of Badami. After two centuries they were overthrown by their feudatories, the Rashtrakutas in 757 A.D.

Natu et al. (2014) described that during the period review, the region south of the Vindhyas witnessed the march of Brahmanism. In early stages, extensive Buddhist monuments came into existence. A little later Jainism came to prevail in Karnataka.

Parasnis et al. (2009) described that the emergence of a stone temple for Shiva and Vishnu in Tamilnadu under the Mughal and in Karnataka under the chalukyas of Badami. In a way, south India ceased to be the land of megaliths in early 4th century A.D.

D.B et al. (2013) described that along with religion, the language of the rulers and the literate class witnessed a transformation. From about 400 A.D. Sanskrit became the official language of the peninsula.

Pathak et al. (2009) described that the history of the pallavas illustrate three characteristics the L.C.Ms. of Indian history till the 17th century: wars with neighboring States, controversial nature of historical material, and royal patronage of literature and arts.

Pitre et al. (2010) described that kingship was attributed to define origin. The kings claimed their descent from the God Brahma. It has hereditary. Yet, on one occasion a king was elected. Most of the kings were accomplished scholars. Mahendrarman I wrote the famous burlesque, *Masttavilasa Prahsana*. Many of the vaishnavaalvars and saivanayanars flourished during their rule.

Purandare et al. (2009) described that the kings adopted high-sounding titles like maharajadhiraja, dharmamaharajadhiraja (great king of kings ruling in accordance with the dharma), agnistomavajpeya, asvamedha-yaji (he who has performed the agnihtoma-vajapeya and asvamedha sacrifices) They were assisted by ministers. History shows that the ministerial council played a great part in the state policy in the later period.

Pandit et al. (2010) described that a hierarchy of officials in provincial administration, the governor of a province was assisted by district officers, who in turn worked in collaboration with autonomous local bodies. In local administration the meeting of assemblies were frequent, and the administration the meeting

of assemblies were frequent, and the assemblies were of many varieties and of many levels.

Raghunath et al. (2014) described that often special meetings were held. As the village level the assembly was the sabha which looked after almost all the matters of the village, along with endowments, irrigation, crime, maintaining census and other necessary records, Courts at villages level dealt with minor criminal cases.

Bahekar et al. (2011) described that the judicial courts of the town and districts were presided over by government officials, climaxing with the king as the supreme arbiter of justice.

Bendre et al. (2011) described that the sabha worked in close association with the urar, and informal gathering of the entire village. Above this unit was a district administration. Finally, the head man of the villages was the link between the village assembly and the official administration.

Agarwal et al. (2010) described that four distinct stages of architecture can be gleaned from the Mughal temples. The first is the Mahendra style. The influence of the cave style of architecture is to be seen in an ancient pillar engraved in the Ekambaranatha (Kanchipuram) temple. The second is the Mamalla style.

Jasmin et al. (2010) described that the seven Pagodas are small temples, each of which is hewn out of a single rock boulder. They lie near Mahabalipuram, founded by Narasimhavarman. These monolithic temples are complete with all the details of an ordinary temples and stand as an undying testimony to the superb quality of the Mughal art. The third is the Rajasimha style. The most famous temple of this style is the Kailasha style.

Mittal et al. (2010) described that the most famous temple of this style is the Kailasha temple of Kanchi. It has a pyramidal tower, a flat-roofed mandapam and a series of cells surround it resembling rathas. This style is a very elaborate one foreshadowing the ornate Chola architecture. The fourth is the Aparajita style. This is more ornate resembling the Chola architecture.

Mehra et al. (2010) described that a few temples built in the style are found at Dalavanur. The noteworthy feature of some shrines is that they are adorned by beautiful life-like images of Mughal kings and their queens. All told they are unique in the history of temple architecture.

Umesh et al. (2010) described that Mughal sculpture owed more to the Buddhist tradition. On the whole it is more monumental and linear in form, thus avoiding the typical ornamentation of the Deccan sculpture.

Shekhar et al. (2010) described that the free standing temples at Aithole and Badami in the Deccan and the Kanchipuram and Mahabalipuram in the Tamil country, provided a better background for sculpture than the rock-cut temples.

Aditya et al. (2010) described that Mughal sculpture was monumental and linear in form resembling the Gupta sculpture. Although the basic form was derived from the older tradition, the end result clearly reflected its local genius.

Richard et al. (2010) described that Bharavi and Dandin lived in the Mughal court. Bharavi's *Kiratarjuniyam* and Dandin's *Dashakumaracharita* were the two masterpieces. One of Dandin's poems was written with such skill that when read

normally it gives the story of the Ramayana; and who read in reverse, the study of Mahabharata.

Dev et al. (2010) described that till the eight century Mughal influence was predominant in Cambodia. Saivism was the official form of worship. And the Mughal type of stupa is to be found in the temples of Java, Cambodia and Annam. This dissemination of Hindu culture proves that it was dynamic till 1,000 A.D. in southern India.

Gandhi et al. (2010) described that Mughal rendered invaluable service to the country both within and without as they were one of the torch bearers of Hindu civilization to south-east Asia. Far more singular is their contribution to architecture-transforming the architecture and sculpture from wood to stone.

3. Mughal Influences: Art, Culture and Trade

Their specific architecture has been a significant contribution to India from Mughal: palaces, tombs and fortifications constructed by the dynasty are now found in many parts of India. In cultural contributions such as Centralized, Colonial Government, Persian art and culture mixed with Indian art and culture, development of Mughal cuisine, landscaping of gardens and new commercial paths towards Arab and Turkish lands. Mughal influences are evident. To Indian economic history the Mughals have made a major difference. Mughals understood the importance of commerce as a legacy from Central Asia, where trade had the main economic activity. Their principal aim was to gain control over sea trade in the conquest of Gujarat, Bengal and Sindh. They also facilitated the development of overland trading routes in Kabul and Kandahar in order to consolidate their dynasty. Contrary to other current governments, trade was not a royal monopoly for Mughals. They wanted a free trade system with equal opportunities for various trading classes. The development of a military-bureaucratic system called the Mansabdari system was an essential element of the Mughal rule. The Mughals have contributed to the development of the Bhakti and the Sufi movements in the country by adopting a very liberal attitude.

4. Expansion of the Mughal Empire Under Aurangzeb

The stubborn Prophet is Aurangzeb. However, during his reign, he offered numerous grants to restore Hindu temples. In his government he even named Hindus to high positions. The Badshahi Mosque in Lahore is his greatest architectural achievement. At the time, it was the largest Mosque in the country, when Aurangzeb tried to achieve its vision in its 50th anniversary of uniting the entire subcontinent. The last two Shia states surrendered to the Tuughkle in 687. Bijapur and Golkanda. For some time, the Marathas have been trying to fight Aurangzeb. Aurangzeb has spent the last 26 years with his implacable job. Deccan invasion, under Aurangzeb 's reign, he had to move his court toward Deccan; the Mughal Empire's borders stretched farther than ever. But it was difficult to unite the Empire because of the undeveloped communication channels and poor infrastructure. There was revolt in the south, vice versa, when the Court was in the north. He did not avoid the collapse of the Empire, though he ruled longer than either of his successors. Upon his passing, the downturn intensified. Neither of his sons was thus able to rule in 1858; India was directly under British government control.

Fiscal System

Farmland was the primary source of revenue. However, significant income also has been generated from customs, domestic transit, tributes and feudal rajas donations. The Shah Bandars (head of sea ports or bandargahs) were subject to a strict duty and surveillance program. The key pillar of the financial system is cash transactions, but payments were also made in kind. There was an sophisticated coining method. Large denominations and copper coins for lower ones depicted gold and silver coins.

Socio-economic System

Two distinct but successful policies were introduced by Akbar to rule a wide region: and by bringing various ethnic groups into the service of its empire. In 1580, he collected data for the last ten years on local incomes to understand the extent of production and price fluctuations in the various crops. Todar Mal 's support. The King of Rajput, Akbar, has developed a revenue plan that farmers can accept when the maximum income is deposited with the State. Revenue demands based on local cultivation patterns and soil quality range from 1/3 to 1/2 of the crop. The profit was paid in cash.

Zamindari System

The Zamindars were highly dependent on Akbar. They used their unique local knowledge and capacity to collect and pass taxes to the treasury. Usually, they kept a part in return for their services. During the Mughal period the Zamindars governed the country in the villages. We were not necessarily landlords, but important to controlling the system of land profits. They were a powerful class and sold Zamindaris freely to increase their control. We ran the farmers' class and had to pay the state land profits. Three classes of farmers were involved: the khudkasta (farmers who had their land and equipment), the phais (farmers who had land and also sometimes used it, leased and then planted it), and the muzaruyam (the ones who relied on or worked on khudkahtas for spare land and equipment). The government official who monitored farmers and past and projected income information was referred to as the patwari. Bahi has documented many zamindars in the area. His records, Bahi. The numerous Bahis were sources of the Amil or Amalguzarkar who held the Sarkar (a district office). He had various employees, named karku and khazanadars who kept land registers and income collection and valuation records. Daily survey was carried out on the fields and a rightful portion of items under the batai and galla-bakshi scheme was demanded during harvest. Additional systems used to control land incomes were: Kankut (a general calculation was made of the whole area, and accordingly, income per unit of land cultivated by the campesin); Nasaq (incomes fixed on a past farmer's record) and Dastur Ulama and Jama (incomes fixed on three land classes, good, bad and average). The old Jamas were replaced with heavy Jama during the fifteenth anniversary of Akbar 's rule on the basis of Raja Todar Mal 's results, which used paraganic figures from the Qanungo level (taluk). Akbar later implemented the most effective land revenue fixing scheme called Karon. Within these circles the land was marked within circles that would provide the state exchequer with an income of one karor. This technique has yielded favorable results and has become the Bandobast (or Zabti) method. The entire soil was therefore assessed in an after-service class:

polaj (annually grown; fallowed soil grown every 1 or 2 years; chachar (fallow soils grown every 3 or 4 years) and banjar (uncultivated soil that was not grown in at least the last 5 years). It is then classified into four classes. All of these changes were aimed to bring a new Jama, which could provide per capita income rates for different areas, together known as Ain-e-Dahsala. Todar Mai has introduced a standard unit of land measurement, called Ildhi gasses, in which land has now not been measured by the ropes but by tanabs (bamboo sticks and iron rings). The 24th anniversary of Akbar's rule was the establishment of a permanent Jama or Dastur Ulama.

5. Conclusion:

In a private home that was ghusalkhana, the Emperor met his high-ranking officers, Mir and the diwan, sometimes the khani and the samann. Akbar admitted to this apartment in the beginning only to a few trusted people. This rigidity has subsequently been abandoned. Apart from the Vazir and Mir Bakshi, other important nobles of the imperial court were also permitted to participate. Akbar's successors continued this tradition of prominent state enterprise in ghusalkhana. Nevertheless, most of the Mughal government's public businesses were transacted in Diwan-i-Khas – o-Aman and it

could be called a Court of Commoners as it was available for everyone. It was a court of law, an executive council, a national assembly and the security council. The Emperor was given an audience here to representatives of independent leaders and officers of high dignitaries. When the office is assumed, all the high officers are expected to take royal permission for them upon transition and moving through the capital. The Emperor surveyed the powers in the capital and inspected the shops and factories, i.e. Karkhanas. Another change was made by Aurangzeb. In the forenoon a public darbar had been held and in the afternoon selected audiences divide the work into two separate meetings which were respectively called Diwan-i-Khas. It is often regarded that the Mughals were visitors of India, but they also thought of this land as their own. Their policy of change, the policy of equality, the liberal views of faith and marriages between the Mughal and the Hindu princesses has given the Hindu and Muslims a time of understanding. It also minimizes conflicts, which in medieval times dominated Hindu-Muslim relations. The Mughals and the Rajputen and various local kings have worked to ensure the medieval India remained politically stable. Mughal law, therefore, forever transformed India.

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