

THE MOGHAL LAND REVENUE SYSTEM (LEGAL HISTORY)

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Abstract

Some of the writers on Indian Legal History and Economics are of the opinion that Moghal Land Revenue System was an imported one. Even Professor Jadunath Sarkar, an authority on Indian Law and History has leaned towards this view. According to him the Moghal Land Revenue System was the Perso-Arabic system in Indian setting. But there is majority of Indo-Pakistani and Foreign writers who hold contrary opinion and assert that Moghal Sovereigns were sagacious enough and they reconciled the customary Hindu system of India and Muhammadan system of land taxation.

I have endeavoured to prove that the Moghal Kings, particularly Akbar, the Great established the most effective and living Land Revenue system in the Indian Sub-continent which not only served as a mile stone for all the Governments to come but suited the genius of the people connected with Indo-Pak agriculture.

I have also tried to disprove the idea that Moghal system was harsh. Figures and facts have made it crystal clear that the system evolved by the 'Non-Puritan Emperor' was by far the best system under the prevailing circumstances in which the Moghal Sovereigns thought it imperative that Indian landed class must not 'Wax fat and Kick'.