

Short Answer Questions

Q. 1. Write the political condition of India after the death of Aurangzeb.

Ans. After the death of Aurangzeb in 1707, many Mughal governors and big zamindars began asserting their authority and establishing regional kingdoms.

Q. 2. Describe the Doctrine of Lapse.

Ans. Lord Dalhousie devised a policy known as Doctrine of Lapse. The doctrine declared that if an Indian ruler died without a male heir his kingdom would be 'lapsed', that is, it became part of Company territory.

Q. 3. What change occurred in the 18th century in Mughal army?

Ans. A change occurred in the 18th century when Mughal successor states like Awadh and Benaras started recruiting peasants into their armies and training them into professional soldiers.