

Chapter 13

Colonialism and Urban Changes

SOLUTIONS:

Exercises

- 1. Answer each question in a word or a sentence
- (a) When was the Municipal Act pass?

Ans: The first Municipal Act was passed in 1871.

(b) What did the Police Act of 1869 state?

Ans: The Police Act states that there would be an Inspector General at the head of the police organisation. The Deputy Inspector General would be placed in each range and at the head of each district there would be a Superintendent of Police.

2. Answer the following questions

(a)Define the differences in living spaces of the Indian and the British between Delhi and that of the cities like Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai before 1857.

Ans: Delhi was an important trade centre during Mughal period. Artisans produced exclusive handicrafts for the household of nobles and grain from the countryside was brought into the urban markets for the town dwellers and the army, whereas the cities like Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai emerged as the new economic capital after the Battle of Plassey. The cities became centres of colonial administration and political power and they function as collection depots for the export of Indian manufactures such as cotton textiles.

(b) Write the local self government introduced by Lord Ripon.

Ans: Lord Ripon established a network of Local Boards which have a large majority of non official members which were to be elected and to held office for at least two years. Non officials member were to act as Chairman of the Local Boards. To ensure better administration each local Boards was given jurisdiction over a small area like subdivision or taluk.

(c)Write the benefits brought by the railways.

Ans: The benefits brought by the railways are:

- 1. Fuel could be brought to the centres of production and the products of those centres could be distributed widely and cheaply.
- 2. It facilitated the movement of Indians from one place to another.
- 3. It proved to be a potential instrumental for social liberalisation and national unity.

3. Fill in the blank column by using appropriate term

(a)In 1808, Lord Minto appointed a Superintendent of Police for a division.

