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Class 7th

Subject History

Ch Town Traders and the Craftsmen

Question 1.

Describe the temple towns as commercial centres.

Answer:

Temple towns were important as centres of urbanization.

Rulers built temples to show their devotion to deities.

These temples became central to the economy and society.

Rulers endowed these temples with grants of land, money to carry out rituals, feed pilgrims, celebrate festivals.

Temple authorities got donations from pilgrims also. This wealth was used to finance trade and banking.

Question 2.

How was wealth of the temples used? How did temple towns grow?

Answer:

Temple authorities used temple's wealth to finance trade and banking.

In course of time a large number of priests, workers, artisans, traders, etc. settled near the temple.

In this way temple towns grew.

Towns emerged around temples like Bhillasvamin (Bhilsa or Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh), and Somnath in Gujarat.

Other important temple towns are:

Kanchipuram and Madurai in Tamil Nadu.

Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

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