

# MBT (1325-51)

⇒ Muhammad Bin Tughlaq was one of the few ruler during the Sultanat period who was well read. He had lofty ideas. He occupied the throne in the period of stability. He is more known as ruler who was in haste without meticulous planning. Though, his intent was good but the method created trouble to every section of the society.

Ibn Balutā's Rehla gave detailed description about his rule.

## Policy of Muhammad Bin Tughlaq

- ⇒ Transfer of Capital
- ⇒ Introduction of Token Currency
- ⇒ Famine and Relief work
- ⇒ Revenue Policy - Dams (Taxes in dams)
- ⇒ Expansion of Agriculture activities

## Transfer of Capital

(a) Transfer of Capital from Delhi to Daulatabad was a revolutionary step

(b) He made Daulatabad as Capital of Tughlaq rule (ii) It is said that there are several

reason to transfer the capital

(iv) The geographical location of Daulatabad was more secure and it was away from the incursion of the Mongols

(v) Ibn Balutā gave detailed description regarding this. He said that the Sultan was unhappy with the behaviour of the Delhi people. That's why in 1326 he transfer the Capital from Delhi to Daulatabad.

(vi) But, this didn't support the existing facts

- (v) As the expansion of Empire was more towards South, he felt need more pragmatic to do so.
- (vi) South was more needed. As it was centre of economic activity
- (vii) He planted trees, arranged sarai, plaques to carry out the population
- (viii) He purchase the house and enclosure to settle in Daulatabad
- (ix) Many people moved out of Delhi. Balah said when he visited Delhi it was deserted
- (x) But, the plan was more done in haste. As he favoured the cleric to go and settle there so many people could not follow their path

### Introduction of Token Currency

- A) It was introduced to brought revolution in economic activities. - The introduction of TOKEN-CURRENCY was used to give impetus to the activities. Economic activities gain spur to the currency. It was minted and cast by the ruler.
- B) The token currency of Brass was equivalent to silver. Tank's silver.
- C) It was not so that, this was novel. Earlier, it was in vogue in China and Iran.
- D) It was hastily ordered that it would be used for transaction. (E) But, it also become disaster.
- F) People and particularly failed to understand that leaders were reluctant to do business in Brass.