

The Administration of the Swaraj

Chapter 7: The Administration of the Swaraj · Topic 1

Key Concept

Shivaji's administration included the Ashtapradhan, a council of eight ministers, each responsible for different aspects of governance.

He established an efficient revenue collection system, ensuring fair taxation while funding the kingdom's military and administrative needs.

Shivaji promoted use of Marathi and Sanskrit in administration, reducing dependence on Persian, which was common under earlier rulers.

This organised system of administration was crucial in maintaining the strength and stability of the growing Maratha kingdom.

Quick Revision Notes

- Ashtapradhan: council of eight ministers.
- Each responsible for different governance aspects.
- Efficient revenue collection system established.
- Ensured fair taxation, funded needs.
- Promoted Marathi and Sanskrit use.
- Reduced dependence on Persian.
- This organised administration was crucial.
- It maintained kingdom's strength and stability.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the Ashtapradhan council and its members.
- 2 Discuss why fair taxation mattered for the kingdom.
- 3 Discuss the significance of promoting Marathi and Sanskrit.
- 4 Draw a diagram of Shivaji's administrative structure.
- 5 Discuss why organised administration matters for any kingdom.
- 6 Explain the Ashtapradhan system in your own words.