



#### SOURCE-BASED QUESTION

Question 1. Read the following extract (Source 1) taken from NCERT textbook and answer the questions that follow:

##### **Colebrook on Bengal ryots**

**In many villages of Bengal, some of the powerful ryots did not cultivate, but instead gave out their lands to others (the under-tenants), taking from**

**them very high rents. In 1806, H.T. Colebrook described the conditions of these under-tenants in Bengal:**

**The under-tenants, depressed by an excessive rent in kind, and by usurious returns for the cattle, seed, and subsistence, advanced to them, can never extricate themselves from debt. In so abject a state, they cannot labour in spirit, while they earn a scanty subsistence without hope of bettering their situation.**

Questions:

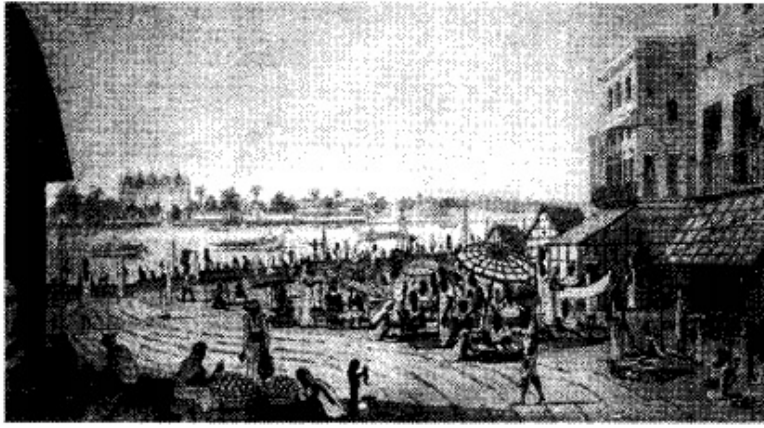
- (i) Who were the under-tenants?
- (ii) How did H.T. Colebrook describe the conditions of these under-tenants in Bengal ?

Answers:

- (i) In many villages of Bengal, some of the powerful ryots did not cultivate, instead gave out their lands to others known as the under-tenants.
- (ii) The under-tenants had to pay high rents in kind. They were depressed by usurious returns for the cattle, seed and subsistence, advanced to them by their ryots. This trapped them in debt which they never paid. Their dissatisfaction did not allow them to work in spirit.

#### PICTURE-BASED QUESTIONS

Question 1. Observe the given picture taken from NCERT textbook and answer the questions that follow:



Questions:

- (i) What do you see in the above picture?
- (ii) Who came here and for what purpose?

Answers:

- (i) A weekly market in Murshidabad, Bengal.
- (ii) Peasants and artisans from rural areas regularly came to these weekly markets also known as haats to sell their goods and buy what they needed.

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