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Grade – VII

Subject- S.St

History

Chapter 2

New kings and Kingdoms

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Question 1.

Give an account of agriculture of the Cholas.

Answer:

Agriculture

* Many of the achievements of the Cholas were made possible through new developments in agriculture.
* The river Kaveri branches off into several small channels before falling into the Bay of Bengal.
* These channels overflew frequently.
* They deposited fertile soil on their banks. ‘
* Water from the channels provide the necessary moisture for agriculture, particularly in the cultivation of rice.
* Although agriculture had developed earlier in other parts of Tamil Nadu, it was only from the fifth or sixth century that this area was opened up for large-scale cultivation.

Forests had to be cleared in some regions.

* Land was levelled in the other areas.
* In the Kaveri delta region embankments were built to prevent flooding.
* Canals were constructed to carry water to the fields.
* In many areas two crops were grown in a year

Question 2.

Who exercised control in the affairs of ‘nadu’?

Answer:

* Rich peasants of the Vellala caste exercised considerable control over the affairs of tjie nadu under the supervision of the central Chola government.
* The Chola kings gave some rich landowners titles like muvendavelan / araiyar {chief), etc. as markers of respect.
* A velan or peasant is a person who serves three kings.
* They were given important offices of the state at the centre.
* Brahmanas often received land grants or brahmadeya. Hence, a large number of Brahmana settlements emerged in the Kaveri valley in the same way as in other parts of south India.