

### From Trade to Territory The Company Establishes Power

From 8. In what way was the administration of the Company different from that of Indian rulers?

Answer

→ British territories were broadly divided into administrative units called Presidencies. There were three Presidencies like - Bengal, Madras & Bombay whereas under the Indian rulers administration was divided into four parts - District (Zila), Paragana, Tehsil and Villages.

→ Each administrative unit was ruled by a Governor.

→ The supreme head of the administration was the Governor-General, whereas under the Indian Administrative system the supreme head was King or Nawab.

→ Warren Hastings introduced the new system of justice. Each district was to have two courts- civil & criminal court.

→ The European District Collector presided over civil courts.

→ The criminal courts were still under a Qazi and a Mufti.

→ Under the Regulating Act of 1773, a new supreme court was established.

→ The main figure in an Indian District was Collector.

→ According to his title Collector, his main job was to collect the revenue and the taxes and maintain law & order in his district with the help of judges, police officers and darogas.