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DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

Minutes of the Meeting

Subject: B.A. (Hons.) Economics, Sem. V (CBCS) Discipline SEC
Course: iii) Economic History of India (1857-1947)
Date of Meetings: 8th May, 2017
Venue: Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,
University of Delhi
Chair: Prof. Ashwani Deshpande

Attended by:

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Note:

1. The maximum marks for the final examination would be 75, remaining 25 marks are allocated for internal assessment (2 tests of 10 marks each and 5 marks for attendance).
2. In the end semester examination, students will be asked to answer 5 questions out of 8 questions. The questions should cut across topics.
3. Readings with an asterisk (*) mark are essential for teachers. Students are encouraged to read them for better comprehension though questions will not be set on these.

Topic Wise Reading List 2017

1. Colonial India: Background

- P. Parthasarathy, 2011, **Why Europe Grew Rich and Asia did not: Global Economic Divergence, 1600-1850**, CUP, Cambridge, Ch 2, pp. 21-27, 46-50, Ch8, pp 224-226, 239-244, 251-262.

2. Macro Trends

- Population:
 - Sumit Guha, 1991, *Mortality decline in early 20th century India*, **Indian Economic and Social History Review**, vol. 28, Issue 4, pp 371-74 and 383-87; (Note: the pages in between, which involve Guha's critique of Klein, are to be de-emphasised for detailed reading and examination)
- Labour force and Occupational structure
 - J. Krishnamurty, 1982, *Occupational Structure* in Dharma Kumar (ed.) **Cambridge Economic History of India 1754-c.1970**, vol. 2, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 6, pp. 533-550.
- National Income
 - Tirthankar Roy, 2011, **The Economic History of India 1857-1947**, 3rd edn, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 3 pp.80-89.

3. Agriculture (land, labour, capital, technology, commercialization, famines and environment)

- Tirthankar Roy, 2011, **The Economic History of India 1857-1947**, 3rd edn, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 4, pp. 104-148.
- Irfan Habib, 2006, **Indian Economy 1858-1914, A People's History of India**, vol. 28, Tulika, Delhi, Ch. 3 pp.51-74 (Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3)
- (*)L. Chaudhary, B. Gupta, T Roy and A. V. Swami, 2016, *Agriculture in Colonial India*, in L. Chaudhary, B. Gupta, T Roy and A. V. Swami (eds.), **A New Economic History of Colonial India**, Routledge, London and New York, Ch.7, pp. 100-116.
- Ira Klein, 1984, *When Rains Fail: Famine relief and mortality in British India*, **Indian Economic and Social History Review**, vol. 21, issue 2, pp. 185-214.

4. Railways and Industry (Railways; The deindustrialization hypothesis; The rise of the modern industrial sector and the growth of entrepreneurship; Traditional industries; Supply of industrial labour)

- John Hurd, 1982, *Railways*, in Dharma Kumar (ed.) **Cambridge Economic History of India 1754-c.1970**, vol. 2, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 8, pp.737-761

- P. Parthasarathi, 2009, *Historical Issues of Deindustrialization in Nineteenth Century South India*, in T Roy and Giorgio Riello (eds) **How India Clothed the World: The World of South Asian Textiles, 1500-1850**, Brill, Leiden, pp 415-435.
- Rajat Ray (ed.), 1994, *Introduction* in **Entrepreneurship and Industry in India**, OUP, Delhi, pp.1-69.
- (*) L. C. Jain, 1929, *Indigenous Credit Instruments and Systems* in M. M. Kudaisya (ed.) **The Oxford Anthology of Business History**, 2011, OUP, Delhi, Ch. 3, pp. 52-61. (**Note:** This reading may be used as a background reading for the section “The Bazaar” in Rajat Ray’s *Introduction* (previous reading) for a better understanding of the *Hundi* system)
- Tirthankar Roy, 2011, **The Economic History of India 1857-1947**, 3rd edn, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 6, pp 158-171.
- MD Morris, 1965, *Summary and Conclusions* in **Emergence of an Industrial Labour Force in India**, OUP, Delhi, Ch. 11, pp.198-210.

5. Economy and State in the Imperial context (The imperial priorities and the Indian economy; Drain of wealth; International trade, Capital flows and the colonial economy – changes and continuities; Government and fiscal policy)

- K N Chaudhuri, 1982, *Foreign Trade and Balance of Payments*, in Dharma Kumar (ed.) **Cambridge Economic History of India 1754-c.1970**, vol. 2, Orient Longman, Delhi, Chapter 10, pp. 826-865, 869-877
- (*) Gopalan Balachandran, 2016, *Colonial India and the World Economy. c. 1850-1940*, in L. Chaudhary, B. Gupta, T Roy and A. V. Swami (eds.), **A New Economic History of Colonial India**, Routledge, London and New York, Ch.6, pp. 84-99.
- David Washbrook, 2012, *The Indian Economy and the British Empire* in Douglas M Peers and Nandini Gooptu (ed.) **India and the British Empire**, OUP, Delhi, Ch. 3, pp. 44-74.