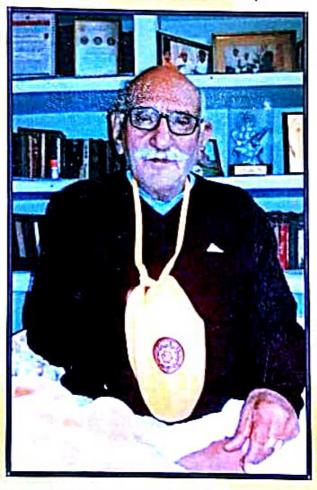
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The system of tax (toll) collection in the light of Kautilya

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Introduction

The Arthashastra is pride of India. Kautilya is the authors of Arthasastra. In his tremendous work, with different topics Kautilya elaborately explain the duties of a superintendent. The duty of the superintendent, the system of the data collection, regulation of toll dues, division of toll dues, rules of selling, toll charge, commodities, penal code of defaulter etc. are point to point discuss.

Responsibility of the superintendent

The first and foremost significant responsibility of a superintend is like this-

1. The superintended of tools shall build the toll-house (the house where toll is taken).

For identification of the toll house a flag facing either the east or the north near the large gate of the city.

 Four or five toll collectors shall appoint in the toll-house. The duty of the collectors is to collect data's of the merchants and their merchandise.

Arrangement of the data collection

The collector collect the complete data's like whom the merchant are, name, caste, and place of the merchant, when they come, what amount of merchandise they have brought, seal mark on the merchandise etc.

Rules and regulations of toll dues

Division

Toll dues divided into three types that is-

- 1. External -arriving from country parts
- 2. Internal -manufactured inside forts
- 3. Foreign import from foreign countries

These three types of toll is payment is two ways that is export and import.

Toll dues

Toll is the energy of our revenue. Many years ago Kautilya completely talk about about the collection of toll, which is applicable today.

1. The rate of toll shall be fixed on commodities either old or new and fine shall be fixed on.

2. This is the power of the king.

 Entrance (gate) dues shall be 1/5th of toll. The superintendent of tolls may remit the tax if circumstances necessitate such favor.

Imported commodities shall pay 1/5th of the value as toll.

 For flowers, fruits, vegetables, roots, bulbous root (kanda), ballikya, seeds, dried fish, and dried meat, the Superintendent shall receive 1/6th as toll.

6. For conch-shells, diamonds, precious stones, pearls, corals, necklaces, such material shall fix the

amount of toll, which is variable time to time.

7. For fibrous garments (kshauma),cotton elothes (dukula) silk (krimitana) mail armory (kankata) alphorn of arsenic (haritala) red arsenics (manassila) vermillion (hingulaka)metals (loha) coloring ingredients(varnadhata)sandal, brown sandal(agarn) pungent (kataka)ferments(kinva)dress(awarna) wine, ivory, skms, raw material, use mailing fibrous or cotton garments, carpets, curtains (pravarna) products yields by worm (krimijat) wool and product yielded by goats and sheep, shall receive 1/10th or 1/15th as toll.