

Q) Though people were oppressed with the British Rule and their policies which were not always wrong, British also took steps to ameliorate women's position in India.
Discuss.

Ans) During the period of 1757-1857, Britishers took a lot of steps which actually led to a lot of unrest among the people of India. Measures such as increasing the taxation for the peasants, imposing heavy custom duty on the Indian goods while exporting and less price of the foreign (British) goods in India causing one way free trade, disrupted the Indian merchant and traders. Taking away land from the Zamindars, corruption in the administrative sector. All these oppression in Economy, political, administrative sector caused unrest among the people of India. Because of superiority Britishers started Religious reform such as abolition of Sati, widow remarriage. These policies also created a sense of insecurity among the people of India. The people started to think why the English were interfering in their personal ~~matter~~ religious matter. But these policies indirectly helped the women of our society. Many educated Indians started to support this policies which led to ~~the economy~~ many social reform movements Intro is extra. Cut it short. like the Brahma Samaj.

Brahma Samaj worked on the abolition of the Sati, stopping child marriage, polygamy. Also worked on the casteism and untouchability. This reform move-

ments actually helped to create a better position of the women in the society. It also tried to criticize the untouchability and caste system. Women education was also ~~also~~ started taking effect during that time.

We ~~can see~~ ^{saw} a lot of women taking part in our 1857 revolt like Rani Laxmi Bai, Begum Hazrat Mahal in equal level with that of the other sections of the society. This type of transformation actually led to the derification of men and women in our freedom struggle of independence. Superiority feeling of the Britishers and their policies against the women actually helped in the cause of our freedom struggle movement.

The question asked steps taken by the British. Where is the answer? Follow: Write is being asked and not what u know. Attempt again, then I will give marks.