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his capital Agra from Kabul and Lahore in 1608—9 he lost his job 'due to ill-luck'. The exact reason of his dismissal from the Mughal court is unknown. Later he was employed by Khan Jahan Lodi, a great general of Jahangir.

Abbas Khan Sarwani and His Tarikh-i-Sher Shahi

Abbas Khan composed his work in the reign of Akbar the great, commencing from 1589—90. Tarikh-i-Sher Shahi has presented us the full history of the Afghans and Sher Shah. But some particulars such as the history of Bazi Bahadur, the events regarding the Karranis and the Lohanis and certain other matters have not been included in the said work.¹⁰

Abbas Khan has furnished all particulars regarding Sher Shah's land and revenue system, his munificence and charity for the poor, the blind and the distressed people, and his distribution of free food to the beggars and mendicants. The King himself used to take his meals with the scholars and shaikhs. The empire then was peaceful and prosperous. Complete peace and security prevailed throughout the kingdom. The whole territory was filled up with a network of Sarais, (1700), mosques, wells and rest-houses and shade-giving trees were planted on both sides of the great roads which Sher Shah had built for improved communication. Quick postal service was arranged by providing horse-posts.

Sher Shah's empire comprised of 13,000 parganas, for which shiqdars were appointed. Besides munsifs, treasurers, waqia-navis (news writers in Hindi and Persian)

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