

### Explanation of some important terms

1. **Firangi:** The word came into wide circulation in India during the revolt of 1857 when proclamation in Hindi, Urdu and Persian were put up in the cities calling upon both hindus and Muslims to rise in unity and kill the firangis. Perhaps the word itself is of Persian origin and was derived from the word Frank (from which France gets its name). In Urdu and Hindi languages the word is often used in a derogatory sense to designate foreigners.
  
2. **Revolt:** Generally the term signifies an uprising or protest against an existing authority or state at a particular time. Historically, such revolts have often been violent. Throughout India's history disgruntled individuals and groups have risen in revolt against perceived injustices perpetrated by the authoritarian rulers and their dispensations. During the colonial period different peasant and tribal groups across India had often taken recourse to revolting against the unjust laws and policies imposed by the British government to the detriment of their traditional rights and well being. In 1857 a revolt on a far larger scale had also taken place shaking the very roots of the British power in India.

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