

DARA SHIKOH AND THE ZAMINDARS OF BIHAR DURING WAR OF SUCCESSION

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ABSTRACT

Dara Shikoh had been very interesting personality and one of the important scholars of Mughal India. A lot has been written about him by the modern historians of India and the world but whatever studies have been done it appears to be macro level studies related to his role in the War of Succession and how he was closer to his father Shah Jahan. The studies are also related to the assessment of his personality in compare to Aurangzeb who proved himself a capable Prince and competent ruler. In this paper I have made an attempt to evaluate and assess Dara Shikoh's relationship with the zamindars of Bihar and his capability to win over different zamindars to his side during War of Succession. A proper analysis has been done in respect to his success in getting the support and assistance of the prominent zamindars of Bihar in his struggle for Mughal throne.

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