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Ans. The Rampurwa bull is finely polished stone sculpture. This was part of a Mauryan pillar found in Rampurwa, Bihar, and has now been placed in Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is an example of the skill of the sculptors of the time.

Q2. What were the things given as tribute by the people living in the forested areas?

Ans. People living in the forested areas were more or less independent, but may have been expected to provide elephants, timber, honey and wax to Mauryan officials.

Q3. What was Ashoka's dhamma?

Ans. Ashoka's dhamma did not involve worship of a god, or performance of a sacrifice. He felt that just as a father tries to teach his children, he had a duty to instruct his subjects. He was also inspired by the teachings of the Buddha.

Q4. How are empires different from kingdoms?

Ans. Empires are different from kingdoms in the following ways:

- i. Emperors need more resources than kings because empires are larger than kingdoms, and need to be protected by big armies.
- ii. So also they need a larger number of officials who collect taxes.