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Ans. Sabha was an assembly of brahmin land owners and this assembly functioned through subcommittees, which looked after irrigation, agricultural operations, making roads, local temples, etc.

Q2. How do we come to know about Harshavardhana?

Ans. We can find out about Harshavardhana from:

- i. his biography , the Harshacharita written by his court poet, Banabhatta
- ii. a detailed account left by Xuan Zang, who spent a lot of time at Harsha's court.

Q3. What changes do you find in the army at this time?

Ans. Some kings maintained a well-organised army. Besides, there were military leaders who provided the king with troops whenever he needed them. They were not paid regular salaries. Instead, some of them received grants of land. They collected revenue from the land and used this to maintain soldiers and horses, and provide equipment for warfare.

Q4. What do you know about Chalukyas kingdom?

Ans. Chalukyas was one of the most important ruling dynasties in south India. Chalukyas was centred around the Raichur Doab, between the rivers Krishna and Tungabhadra. Aihole, the capital of the Chalukyas, was an important trading centre. It developed as a religious centre, with a number of temples.