

New Empire and Kingdoms

Q1. Write about assemblies in the southern kingdoms.

Ans. The inscriptions of the Pallavas mention a number of local assemblies.

These included the sabha, which was an assembly of brahmin land owners. This assembly functioned through subcommittees, which looked after irrigation, agricultural operations, making roads, local temples, etc. The ur was a village assembly found in areas where the land owners were not brahmins. And the nagaram was an organisation of merchants. It is likely that these assemblies were controlled by rich and powerful landowners and merchants. Many of these local assemblies continued to function for centuries.

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