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Ans. It is important to remember that large parts of the subcontinent remained outside the control of the Delhi Sultans. It was difficult to control distant provinces like Bengal from Delhi and soon after annexing southern India, the entire region became independent. Even in the Gangetic plain there were forested areas that Sultanate forces could not penetrate. Local chieftains established their rule in these regions. Sometimes rulers like Alauddin Khalji and Muhammad Tughluq could force their control in these areas but only for a short duration.

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Ans. Steps taken to ensure that muqtis performed their duties were:

- i. Their office was made inheritable and they were assigned iqtas for a short period of time before being shifted.
- ii. Accountants were appointed by the state to check the amount of revenue collected by the muqtis.
- iii. Care was taken that the muqti collected only the taxes prescribed by the state and that he kept the required number of soldiers.

The muqtis may have wanted to defy the orders of the Sultans because of harsh conditions of service imposed on them.