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- i. The Gonds lived in a vast forested region called Gondwana – or “country inhabited by Gonds”. The Ahoms migrated to the Brahmaputra valley from present-day Myanmar in the thirteenth century.
- ii. Gonds practised shifting cultivation. The Ahoms also introduced new methods of rice cultivation.
- iii. Gonds society was not as developed as Ahoms. The Ahoms built a large state, and for this they used firearms. They could even make high quality gunpowder and cannons.
- iv. Gonds were influenced by Rajputs. In order to gain power and recognition, they had marriage alliances with Rajputs. Ahoms annexed the kingdoms of the Chhutiyas and of Koch-Hajo and subjugated many other tribes.

There were many similarities between Gonds and Ahoms.

- i. Both the tribal states were attacked by Mughals at different times. Despite their brave defence, both were defeated by the Mughals.
- ii. Both granted land to the Brahmanas.
- iii. Both developed centralised administrative systems.