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- i. The fine qualities of cotton and silk produced in India had a big market in Europe.
- ii. Pepper, cloves, cardamom and cinnamon too were in great demand.

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Ans. When Warren Hastings went back to England in 1785, Edmund Burke accused him of being personally responsible for the misgovernment of Bengal. This led to an impeachment proceeding in the British Parliament that lasted seven years.

Q3. What caused huge loss of revenue in Bengal?

Ans. Aurangzeb's farman had granted only the Company the right to trade duty free. But officials of the Company, who were carrying on private trade on the side, were expected to pay duty. This they refused to pay, causing an enormous loss of revenue for Bengal.

Q4. State the main reason of defeat of Sirajuddaulah at Plassey.

Ans. One of the main reasons for the defeat of the Nawab was that the forces led by Mir Jafar, one of Sirajuddaulah's commanders, never fought the battle. Clive had managed to secure his support by promising to make him nawab after crushing Sirajuddaulah.