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Summary- Literary Sources of the marathas

The rise of Maratha power in the medieval period gave an impetus to historical writings in the regional language Marathi as well as in Sanskrit, presenting the indigenous view of Maratha history. The house of *Bhonsales* to which *Shivaji*, the founder of the Maratha *Swaraj*, belonged, was the center of political activities in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Historiography: Marathi

The historical writings of this period were mainly the accounts of important episodes, *bakhars*, or chronicles, ballads or *Powadas*, or statements of the activities of prominent historical families, or chieftains, biographies of Saints, and so on.

V.K. Rajwade and S.N. Joshi say that Bakhars are written in Modi script of Marathi Language after the period of Yadaves. Generally, some histories are critical about the Bakhars as they are based on hearsay and secondary information and cannot be relied upon them

Sabhasad Bakhar This is the prime and most important source of Maratha history. It was written by Krishnaji Anant Sabhasad, a minister of Chhatrapati Rajaram at Jinji in 1694.

Chitnis Bakhar Chhatrapati Shahu ordered Malharrao Ramrao Chitnis, to write a bakhar one hundred twenty five years after the death of Shivaji.

Shakavalies Shakavalies give references regarding the political conditions in Maharashtra before the birth of Shivaji, his life, important events, during the life of Shivaji as his campaign on Javali, Afzal Khan episode, his administration and his policy towards his people.

Among such Shakavalies **Jedhe Shakavali** is there. This Shakavali describes the activities of Jedhe family only. Hence, it is the history of Jedhe family.

Foreign Sources

FRENCH SOURCES: French Physician Dr. Dellon.

Bernier, Tavernier and Thevenot- These French travellers visited India when Shivaji was in power.

Martin's Memoirs - Francois Martin a French traveller and administrator has noted down several incidences which we experienced in India.

PORTUGUESE SOURCES

Cosme da Guarda - Portuguese biographer of Chhatrapati Shivaji.

Marquis of Alorna -written about the conditions prevailed under the Marathas

P.S.Pissurlencar- Collections in Goa Historical Archives- Reis Vizinhos,

ENGLISH SOURCES

The Factory Records, Dispatches, India Office Records, Commercial Department Diaries, etc

Writings of Grant Duff, Scott Waring, Major Jervis, etc.

