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Notes:

Barabhai was a regency council-governance created by Nana Fadnavis. A group of 12 minded influential people (authority wise) in Maratha kingdom that gathered up together to save the then kingdom and rule it for better after the murder of Narayan Rao Peshwa (younger brother of Madhav Rao Peshwa) with the hands of his own uncle Raghunath Rao Peshwa (s/o of Bajirao-I Peshwa and younger brother to Nanasaheb Peshwa). Raghunath Rao committed this to seize the Peshwai for himself and for his son Bajirao-II Peshwa.

Barabhai were committed to protect Narayan Rao Peshwa's pregnant widow and soon started to rule in the name of Narayan Rao's infant son (when he was just 42 days old) to prevent kingdom from falling into the wrong hands. That infant son of Narayan Rao was named Sawai Madhav Rao Peshwa in the memory of his uncle Madhav Rao Peshwa . Barabhai witnessed a few twists and turns with Raghunath Rao and the Britishers when Raghunath Rao made a pact with them seeking asylum after fleeing the kingdom.