

Q. In what ways Gokhale wanted to curb the public expenditure in India?

Ans: Gokhale suggested the following measures to curb the public expenditure in India

① The expenditure should be incurred with a spirit of economy. It should not be allowed to exceed the normal revenue except under conditions of war, famine etc.

② Military expenditure should be cut down and the size of the Army should be maintained to the extent of Indian requirements.

③ More number of Indians should be employed in public services. Indians should be paid salaries at same rate as were being paid to the Englishmen.

④ The audit should be made independent. The audit report should be laid before the parliament so that effective criticism of the financial administration may be possible.

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