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Journal Name:	<b>South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_SAJSSSE_119326</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>BRITISH FOREST LAWS IN INDIA: DISRUPTION OF ECOLOGICAL BALANCE, LIVELIHOODS, TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This manuscript is for scientific community since it provides a comprehensive historical analysis of the British forest policies in colonial India and their significant impacts, and it has also mentioned how the British forest policies disrupted the ecological balance, local livelihoods, traditions, and customs of indigenous communities in India. Moreover, it is an important academic contribution by providing a nuanced, evidence-based analysis of the colonial forest policies and their far-reaching consequences.</li> <li>2. Regarding the title of the article, it is suitable and direct for as an option the author may modify as <i>“Colonial Forestry and its Socio-environmental Impacts: A Historical Analysis of British Forest Policies in India”</i></li> <li>3. The abstract needs major revision. It should be road mapped by stating the title, the objectives of the article, the methodology employed, the major findings of study, and he/she should write some recommendations given.</li> <li>4. The subsections and structures are mostly appropriate but it is better if a little bit modified as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction-</b> this should provide a broader context on the historical relationship between Indian culture and the forest ecosystem, and outline the research objectives and significance of the study</li> <li>• <b>Pre-Colonial Forest Governance in India-</b> this section is better organized by briefly discussing the state involvement and local community management of forests before British rule, and grasping key aspects like the balance between state control and community rights</li> <li>• <b>British Colonial Forest Policies-</b> this should discuss the detailed examination of the specific policies, legislation, and motivations of the British, and analyze the shift in forest governance and resource extraction approaches under colonial rule</li> <li>• <b>Impacts of British Forest Policies:</b> again, this section should assess the disruptions to ecological balance, local livelihoods, traditions, and customs, and, discuss the environmental, economic, and social consequences for Indigenous communities</li> <li>• <b>Indigenous Resistance and Subversion;</b> this section should explore the various forms of local resistance and attempts to subvert colonial forest policies, and highlight the tensions and negotiations between the colonial state and Indigenous populations</li> <li>• <b>Legacy and Aftermath:</b> Discuss how the colonial forest policies laid the groundwork for post-independence environmental legislation, and reflect on the long-term impacts and implications for present-day forest management</li> <li>• <b>Conclusion:</b> summarize the key findings and contributions of the research, and discuss potential avenues for future research</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. The manuscript appears to be scientifically sound and well-researched, because it is organized in rigorous methodology, and has also comprehensive scope. Moreover, the article is grounding in relevant literature review and the objectives are clearly stated and achieved, and lastly is aligned with established frameworks.</li> <li>6. Regarding the reference part, it is recent and enough</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>This article needs minor revision in grammar, punctuation and spelling errors</p>	

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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