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(3.) Inefficiency of Ibrahim as a military Commander:

Babur himself has observed, "Ibrahim was an inexperienced Youngman, careless in his movements who marched without order, halted or retired without plan and engaged in the battle without foresight."

(4.) Tulghuna method of warfare-formation of the army in the battle field:—

(a) Babur took the position in the centre between the left and right wings. On the right and left extremities of the entire front line were two flying Columns to wheel round on the enemy and attack them on the sides or at the rear. Along the front of the entire line, were placed the artillery on the right side and the musketeers on the left.

(b) The Afghan army came straight rapidly marching, but as they came near the Babur's frontline, they hesitated and halted, but their soldiers behind pressed on creating a little Confussion. Babur did not let go this opportunity and his flying Columns wheeled round, reached at the back and delivered a violent attack at the rear while the right and left wings started charging the enemies at the front.

(c) At this very time, the artillery from the right & musketeers from the left started the attack. The centre of Ibrahim's army became helpless under the attack and the rest of the army was surrounded on all sides by the rains of bullets and arrows.

(5.) Babur's Well-trained and disciplined army:

There is no doubt that Ibrahim's army lacked proper training and discipline. His army was a mixed crowd of soldiers.

(6.) Horses versus elephants:

Babur's ~~Was~~ horses were more swift in action as

compared with the war elephants of Ibrahim.

(7) Disunity among Indian rulers:

Babur had not to face a united army of Indian rulers. He defeated them one by one and captured their kingdoms.

(8) Unpopularity of Ibrahim Lodi:

Ibrahim's treatment with his Amirs (nobles) was most discourteous and insulting and they wanted to get rid of him.

(9) Babur's personality:

Babur was determined to capture Delhi. He was indefatigable and had enormous capacity to inspire his soldiers. Babur's warm personality generated loyalty of his army.

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