Sufism has played significant role in social, cultural and even in political development in India during the medieval period. Taking abode in different regions of the country, the Muslim saints, i.e. Sufis, attracted people of all sections to their fold. Undoubtedly the motto of Sufis was to develop the feelings of communal harmony, love for human beings and service of mankind. They also left impact on medieval political life. But at the same time Sufis and their followers also greatly contributed in the field of learning and scholarship. Large number of works were produced on different aspects of Islamic mysticism. History tells us that most of these works were written during 16th-17th centuries. These works include biographical accounts, malfuzat of the saints, works on philosophical aspects of Sufism, brochures and treatises on litanies and practices, and the collections of letters of the Sufis. This literature of the 16th-17th centuries reflects complete socio-political scenario of the time. An attempt has been made in the present thesis to use this Sufi literature for deriving information for socio-political life during the period.

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