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This chapter discusses the accounting education in India. India was under British rule for about 200 years. India's education system was greatly influenced by the British system. It became a sovereign federal state in 1947. It is predominantly an agricultural country with about 70 per cent of the population having dependence on agriculture. Accounting education throughout the world has assumed an added significance today because accounting is now broadly viewed as the process of identifying, measuring and communicating economic information to permit informed judgments and decisions by the users of the information. Before independence, accounting education in India implied mainly vocational education. Until the emergence of two national professional accounting Institutes in 1949 and 1959 respectively, a few premier Indian Universities used to impart commerce education to serve the vocational needs of trade and industry of our country. In the companies Act of 1857, there were some provisions for laying the

statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet before the company at the general meeting. But until the companies Act of 1913, the audit of the company accounts by qualified accountants was not made compulsory. There is hardly any coverage of Government Accounting in the present accounting education and training system. A change in outlook with consequential changes in syllabi and training methods are, therefore, a necessity of the day.

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