

Kautilya gives his ideas regarding the foreign policy. He advised the king to fight against his enemy in an honourable and straight-forward manner when he happens to be strong and the enemy is weak. But in case he himself is in a weak position and the enemy is much stronger, the king is advised to fight treacherously. He might make peace outwardly to gain time and as soon as he finds himself in a strong position, he should launch an attack, employ treachery on the widest possible scale. He recommends that the spies should poison water and the fodder for the cattle and even food for men. Kautilya favours the employment of immoral means against disloyal and dangerous elements inside the state. Regarding the foreign policy he gives a six-fold policy. It is as -

1- Sandhi (Treaty of peace or alliance)

2- Vāra (War)

3- Vāna (Making preparation for attack without actually declaring war)

4- Asana (Neutrality)

5- Sansharaya (Seeking the protection of another)

6- Dvadhivhava (Making peace with one and waging war with another.)

