



## AMĪNĀ QAZVĪNĪ

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**AMĪNĀ-YE QAZVĪNĪ**, MĪRZĀ MOḤAMMAD AMĪN B. ABI'L-ḤOSAYN (ḤASAN), also known as MĪRZĀ AMĪNA or AMĪNA-YE MONŠĪ, Mughal historian and poet of Shah Jahān's reign. A native of Iran, Amīnā moved to India some time before 1040/1630. In 1042/1632 he entered Shah Jahān's service as a *monšī* and was patronized by the learned minister Afzal Khan, whom he accompanied to Kashmir during the emperor's visit in 1043/1633-34. His first essay, on Prince Awrangzēb's encounter with the elephant Sodhākar, pleased the emperor, for whom he later prepared an account of the Bundela war. In 1635, Amīnā was commissioned to write a regnal history up to the tenth year, the *Pādšāh-nāma*, also called *Šāh Jahān-nāma* or *Tārīk-e Šāh Jahānī-e dah sāla*, which he completed in 1055/1645. The work is divided into three parts: the *moqaddema*, which deals with Shah Jahān's birth, early training, and ancestors; the *maqāla*, containing a history of the first ten years of Shah Jahān's reign; and the *kātema*, giving a biographical account of the saints, learned men, physicians, and poets of the period. Although Amīnā had planned another volume on the second decade of Shah Jahān's reign, he did not write it. According to *ʿAmal-e Šāleḥ*, he was transferred to a post in the intelligence service; it is more likely that the reason for Shah Jahān's choice of another scholar, Mollā ʿAbd-al-Ḥamīd Lāhōrī, was that the latter could emulate the preferred style of Abu'l-Faẓl's *Akbar-nāma*. The *Pādšāh-nāma* remains the basic work on the early history of Shah Jahān and served as a model for a number of later works. Amīnā has been credited by some bibliographers with the authorship of two *maṭnawīs*, *Bāḡ-e Eram* and *Bahrām o Golandām*, but it is not certain whether they were written by him or by a different poet with the *taḳalloṣ* Amīn.



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