



**BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, PITAMPURA, DELHI – 110034**

**SUBJECT- ECONOMICS**  
**CLASS IX**

**CHAPTER-1 STORY OF VILLAGE PALAMPUR**

Dear students

Please read the given content carefully and attempt the activities that follow.

Read page no. 6 and 7 of NCERT textbook. Use may refer to the link given below.

<http://ncert.nic.in/textbook/textbook.htm?iess2=1-4>

**INTRODUCTION**

In this lesson ,we will proceed with the topic ‘ **LAND as a Factor of Production**’ and see how it is distributed in Palampur.

**DISTRIBUTION OF LAND IN PALAMPUR**

While going through the chapter that we have read so far, you must have realized how important land is for farming. But unfortunately, not all people engaged in agriculture have sufficient land for cultivation.

Look at the figures given below:

Total families in Palampur - 450

Families with no land - 150

Families with small plots of land - 240

Only the remaining 60 families have medium/ large plots of land.

( Note: Small plots are pieces of land less than 2 hectares in size.

Medium plots are between 2 hectares to 10 hectares in size.

Large plots are more than 10 hectares in size)

So, from the above distribution we can conclude that the pattern of land distribution is **INEQUITABLE**. It means more people have less land and less people have more land.

Kindly refer to the links given below :

<https://images.app.goo.gl/cfUxdCM73a1gFEUF6>

<https://images.app.goo.gl/AR8szKkFrSgm597s5>

**ACTIVITY:** Construct a table to show the distribution of land among 450 families of Palampur.

Another characteristic of land distribution is **FRAGMENTATION of LAND**. It means the size of the plots of land keeps on decreasing as and when it passes from one generation to another. Land possessed by father gets divided among children after his death. This leads to smaller and scattered pieces of plots.

That's the reason most of the families have small plots of land.

**ACTIVITY-** Read the story of Gobind given on page 6 of the NCERT textbook.

To summarise, it can be noted that two characteristics of the land distribution pattern are:

1. Inequitable
2. Fragmented

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