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SUBJECT- ECONOMICS

CHAPTER-1 STORY OF VILLAGE PALAMPUR

Dear students

Please read the given content carefully and attempt the activities given in between the lesson.

For reference , please read Page no. 7 and 8 of NCERT textbook. You may also refer to the link given below.

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

INTRODUCTION

In this E-lesson, we will study about **LABOUR** as the factor of production.

TYPES OF FARMERS

1. MEDIUM/LARGE FARMERS
2. SMALL FARMERS
3. LANDLESS PEOPLE

DEMAND FOR LABOUR

It is mainly the wealthy Medium/Large farmers who demand labour and therefore hire labour to work on their big fields.

SUPPLY OF LABOUR

It is the landless people who supply labour to these large farmers. These landless people do not have any land of their own. So, they work on the fields of the large farmers to earn their livelihood.

Also, the labour is provided by the small farmers as they do not have sufficient land with them.

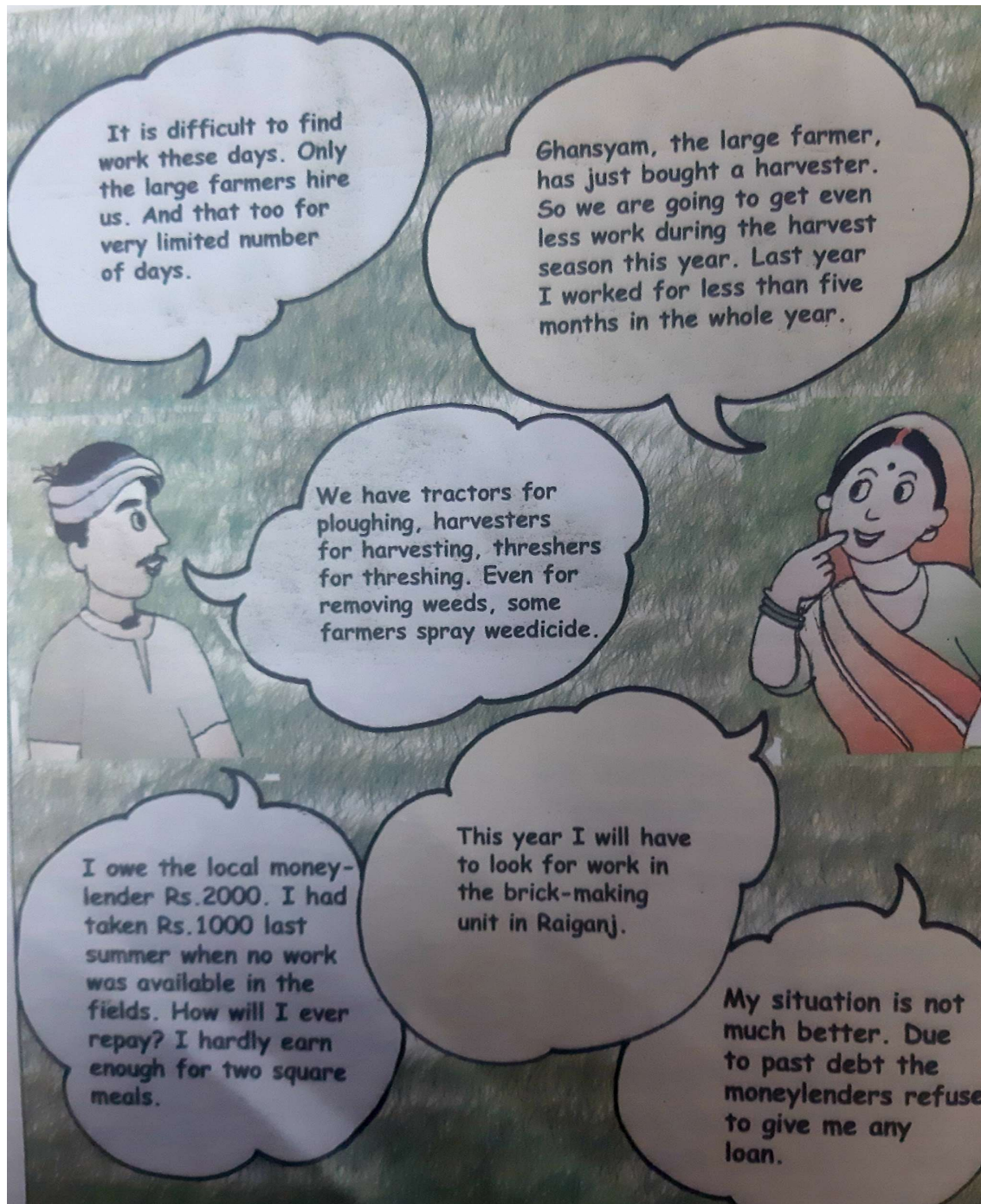
The earnings from their small plots of land is insufficient for them. Hence, they have to look for the extra sources of earning income. As a result, they start working as farm labourers for the medium/large farmers.

These small farmers are double burdened as they have to work on their own fields and on the fields of others as well.

CONDITION OF FARM LABOURERS

1. Farm labourers do not have a right on the crops grown by them.
2. They are paid wages by the farmers they work for.
3. Wages vary widely from region to region and from crop to crop.
4. They are employed only during certain seasons.
5. The wages paid to the farm labourers is less than the minimum wages set up by the government. There is a heavy competition among the farm labourers in Palampur. So ,they agree to work at lower wages.

ACTIVITY- Read the conversation between Dala and Ramkali given on Page 8 of the NCERT TEXTBOOK.



ASSIGNMENT

- Q1 Describe the work of a farmer with 1 hectare of land.
- Q2. Throw light on the plight of farm labourers in Palampur.
- Q3. Why are the wages of farm labourers in Palampur less than the minimum wages set up by the government?