

WORKSHEET 4, Class 9th, Economics, Chapter 1, S.St.

Q.13 On what terms did Savita get a loan from Tajpal Singh ? Would Savita 's condition be different if she could get a loan from the bank at a low rate of Interest?

Ans. (i) Savita got a loan from Tajpal Singh on the following terms

(a) The interest rate on the loan would be 24% for four months. It was a very high Interest rate.

(b) She had to promise to work on his field as a farm labourer during the busy harvest season at 35 per day only which was quite low.

(ii) Yes, her condition would be different if she could get loan from the bank at a lower rate of interest.

Q. 14. Talk to some old residents in your region and write a short report on the changes in irrigation and changes in production methods during the last 30 years.

Ans. I talked to many old residents in my region. I found many changes in these methods. The following report conveys the changes over the last 30 years :

(i) (a) Changes in irrigation : Thirty years back, irrigation was a very tedious job. Persian wheels were used by the farmers to draw water from the wells and irrigate small fields. Over the period of 30 years, the system of irrigation has changed a lot. Pumps sets are also there to irrigate cultivable land.

(b) Now, the farmers use electric-run tubewells in place of Persian wheels as these electric-run tubewells could irrigate much larger areas of land more effectively. The first few tubewells were installed by the government. Soon, the farmers started setting up private tubewells.

(ii) Changes in production method : Sugarcane crushing was earlier done with the help of bullock, but now

people prefer to do it by mechanical sugarcane crushing machine that runs on electricity. Farmers are using high-yielding varieties of seeds which produce much greater amount of grains.

Q. 15. What are the non-farm production activities taking place in your region? Make a short list.

Ans. (i) There are various non-farm production activities taking place in our region. Nearly 25% of working people in our region are engaged in the activities other than agriculture.

(ii) The main non-farming production activities are : transport, shopkeeping, dairy farming, small-scale manufacturing of toys, shoes, readymade garments, etc•

Q 16 What can be done so that more non-farm production activities can be started in villages ?

Ans . The following efforts can be made to increase non-farming production activities in villages:-

- (i) Loan facilities : The government should provide loan to the villagers at low rate of interest so that they could start such activities.

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- (ii) Awareness : The villagers should be made aware about the features of different non-farm production activities. If they know how they can earn more money from these activities, they Will certainly take interest and start these activities.

- (iii) Market : Another thing which is essential for expansion of non-farm activities is to have markets where the goods and services produced, can be sold.
- (iv) Transport facilities : Easy and cheap transport facilities will certainly encourage non-farm production activities.