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Shirt in the Market Class 7 Extra Questions Social Science CIVICS

Question 1.

Where does the story of a shirt begin and where does it end?

Answer:

- The story of the shirt begins with the production of cotton.
- It ends with the sale of a shirt.

Question 2.

How does the chain of markets play an important role in the story of the shirt?

Answer:

- A chain of markets links the producer of cotton to the buyer of the shirt in the supermarket.
- Buying and selling takes place at every step in the chain.
- Everyone in the chain does not benefit equally from this.
- The retailer benefits the most from this chain.

A Cotton Farmer in Kurnool

Question 1.

Briefly write about Swapna as a farmer in Kurnool?

Answer:

Swapna is a small farmer in Kurnool. She grows cotton on a small piece of land.

- Once cotton bolls ripen she picks them
- It takes several days as cotton bolls burst open at different times
- She takes her harvest to local trader and not to Kurnool market.
- She had taken Rs 2,500 loan at high interest rate from that trader to grow cotton.
- She had made a promise to sell her produce to him

Question 2.

Why do farmers borrow money from moneylenders?

Answer:

- Cultivation of cotton requires higher level of inputs like fertilizers and pesticides.

- Farmers have to incur heavy expenses on account of these inputs.
- Most often, the farmers need to borrow money to meet these expenses.

Question 3.

Does she get the right price from the trader?

Answer:

No, she does not get the right price.

- Her cotton is weighed and she is paid Rs. 1500/ quintal.
- She gets Rs. 6000/. Out of this Rs. 3000/ were deducted as loan and interest.
- She is told that cotton is selling cheap as there is lot of cotton in the market
- Her efforts of four months and clean and fine cotton also did not change the mind of trader,
- She does not argue. Though her earning is just a little more than a wage labourer.

Question 4.

Why does Swapna not argue with the trader further?

Answer:

- Swapna knows that cotton will sell for at least ₹ 1800 per quintal.
- But she doesn't argue further with the trader as he is a powerful man in the village.
- The farmers have to depend on him for loans not only for cultivation, but also to meet other exigencies (urgent work) like illness, children's school fees.
- During no work period of the year, the farmers have to borrow money for their survival

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