

Q (1) What problem did the villagers in Haridas village face? What did they do to solve this problem?

Ans:- The villagers in Haridas village faced water problem. They hardly got water in the taps. The villagers gathered together in the Gram Sabha meeting to find a solution of the problem. After long discussions, they came to a conclusion that watershed development programme would be effective in this direction.

Q (2) What in your opinion, is the importance of the Gram Sabha? Do you think all members should attend Gram Sabha meetings? Why?

Ans:-> The Gram Sabha is the most important part of the Panchayati Raj System. It plans or make strategies for the development of village. It looks after the basic amenities of village people.

Q (3) What is the link between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?

Ans All important issues regarding the development of a village are discussed in Gram Sabha. Gram Panchayat works according to the agenda passed by the Gram Sabha. Yes, all the members should attend Gram Sabha meeting, because various tasks are discussed in Gram Sabha.



Q 4) Take an example of any work or task done by a panchayat in your area/nearby rural area and find out the following:

(a) Why it was taken up?

Ans Our panchayat recently undertook the task of building a community hall. It was necessary because there was no such common place where people could gather at a time.

(b) Where the money came from?

Ans → The money was collected as contribution from the villagers and some part of it was also diverted from the panchayat welfare fund.

(c) Whether or not the work has been completed.

Ans The work has been completed before the date of completion -

Q 5) What is the difference between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?

Ans (i) Gram Sabha puts control over Gram Panchayat.

(ii) Gram Sabha consists of all the adults of a village while Gram Panchayat is elected by the members of the Gram Sabha for a period of 5 years.

(iii) The area of Gram Sabha is the entire village whereas Gram Panchayat is divided into many wards.



Q 6 (1)

Why was Bhagvan beaten?

Ans →

Bhagvan was beaten because he wanted that the water tanker should be emptied into storage tanks built by the Gram Panchayat so that there would be equal distribution of water. He belonged to lower caste and the people of upper class did not tolerate it. So he was beaten by them.

(2)

Do you think that the above is a case of discrimination? Why?

Ans.

Yes, this is a case of discrimination because the people of upper class were against the equal distribution of water. They think that the water in tanker was only for them, not for the lower caste.

Q 7

Find out more about watershed development and how it benefits an area?

Ans.

Watershed development programme is an initiative of the government. It is done by the NGOs

The ways of conserving water and refilling it by cyclic and anticyclic process is called as watershed development. The government provides money for this project.