

Chapter-9

Urban Livelihoods

Q 1. Read and discuss the following description of the living conditions of workers who come to the labour chowk.

Ans- At labour chowk, numbers of workers are available at a time in search of some work. These workers are either daily wage earners or they are self employed like carrying loads or pulling carts and rickshaws. Their daily earning is not sure. Their economic position is imbalanced.

Q 2. Complete the following table and discuss how their work is different.

Ans-

| Name | Place of work | Earnings | Security of work | Benefits Received | Work on their own or employed |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bachchu Manjhi | Stands on the road side to find passengers | ₹ 100 a day | No security | No benefits | Work on his own |
| Harpreet, Vandana | Show room | Good earnings | Yes | Yes | Work on their own |
| Nirmala | A tailor in an export garment factory | ₹ 80/ day +₹ 40 /day working late | No security | | Employed |
| Sudha | Company | ₹ 30,000/month | Yes | Holidays, medical facilities | Employed |

Q 3. In what ways is a permanent and regular job different from a casual job? Discuss.

Ans- Permanent and Regular job: These jobs are secure. They have fixed working hours and fixed salaries. The employee gets many facilities as Public Provident Fund, medical facilities and holidays.

Casual Job : These jobs are on temporary basic. The people in such cases are employed on daily wages. Their work is very hard. Casual job are provided by private factories or contractors. The future is not secured in these kinds of job.

Q 4. What benefits does Sudha get along with her salary?

Ans-

- a. She can get medical leave when she falls ill.
- b. She deposits her Provident Fund as a saving for her old age.
- c. Her company provides her medical facilities
- d. She gets some annual leaves.

Q 5. Fill in the following table to show the services provided by people in the markets which you visit frequently.

Ans-

| Name of the shops/offices | Nature of the services provided |
|---------------------------|--|
| General Store | Bread, butter, Cheese, biscuits, |
| Chemist Shop | Medicine |
| Electricity Office | Supply of electricity, complaints |
| Municipal Office | Provides Vital facilities such as street light, cleanliness, etc |