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Ans. Merchants - They supply cloth on order to garment manufacturers and exporters around the country. They purchase the yarn and give instructions to the weavers about the kind of cloth that is to be made.

Weavers – The weavers get the yarn from the merchant and supply him the cloth.

Exporters - The garment exporting factory will use the cloth to make shirts.

Q2. What made Swapna sell the cotton to the trader instead of selling at the Kurnool cotton market?

Ans. At the beginning of the cropping season, Swapna had borrowed Rs 2,500 from the trader at a very high interest rate to buy seeds, fertilisers, pesticides for cultivation. At that time, the local trader made Swapna agree to another condition. He made her promise to sell all her cotton to him. Thus Swapna had to sell the cotton to the trader instead of selling at the Kurnool cotton market.

Q3. How do weaver's cooperatives reduce the dependence of weavers on the cloth merchants?

Ans. In a cooperative, people with common interests come together and work for their mutual benefit. In a weaver's cooperative, the weavers form a group and take up certain activities collectively. They procure yarn from the yarn dealer and distribute it among the weavers. The cooperative also does the marketing. So, the role of the merchant is reduced, and weavers get a fair price on the cloth.