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Ans. The non-farm production activities taking place in our region are:

- i. Dairy
- ii. Transportation
- iii. General stores
- iv. Fishing

Q2. Construct a table on the distribution of land among the 450 families of Palampur.

Ans.

Number of Families	Area of land cultivated
150	0
240	less than 2 hectares
60	more than 2 hectares

Q3. Why do so many families of farmers cultivate such small plots of land?

Ans. Existing land is divided among family members continuously and as a result each member of the family gets smaller plot of the land. Since land is fixed and there is no scope of bringing new land under cultivation, farmers are forced to cultivate small plots of land.

Q4. Why are the wages for farm labourers less than minimum wages?

Ans. There are many landless farm labourers who work on daily wages in Palampur. The minimum wages for a farm labourer set by the government is Rs 115 (April, 2011) per day. There is heavy competition for work among the farm labourers in Palampur, so people agree to work for lower wages.