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Ans. Before the access to electricity in Palampur, farmers used to draw water from wells through Persian wheels and irrigate the fields. They also used to be dependent on rainfall for irrigation over large areas. The irrigation system of the village became well developed when electricity reached to Palampur. Now farmers started using electric tubewell which is able to irrigate much larger areas of land more efficiently.

Q2. On what terms did Savita get a loan from Tajpal Singh? Would Savita's condition be different if she could get a loan from the bank at a low rate of interest?

Ans. Savita got a loan at an interest rate of 24 per cent for four months. She also had to work on his field as a farm labourer during the harvest season at very low wage.

The case would have been different if Savita would have taken loan from the bank at a low rate of interest. She could have easily repaid the loan and her condition would have been far better.

Q3. How is the distribution of land among farmers related to the productivity from the land?

Ans. Farmers with small land holdings use traditional methods of cultivation which impact the overall productivity. They have little surplus because their total production is small and from this a substantial share is kept for their own family needs.

Farmers with large holdings of land use modern methods of production and increase their overall productivity. Large and medium farmers sell the surplus farm products.