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Ans. A farmer with 1 hectare of land will be called a small farmer. Small farmers along with their families cultivate their own fields. Thus, they provide the labour required for farming themselves. Most small farmers have to borrow money to arrange for the capital. They borrow from large farmers or the village moneylenders or the traders who supply various inputs for cultivation. The rate of interest on such loans is very high. Small farmer uses simple tools for the cultivation and uses a pair of bullock cart to plough the field. After the harvest small farmer has little surplus because his total production is small and from this a substantial share is kept for his own family needs.

Q2. How can you say that Palampur is a well-developed village?

Ans. Palampur is a well-developed village because of the following reasons:

- i. It has a well-developed system of irrigation. This helps the farmers to irrigate larger areas of land more effectively.
- ii. Farmers of Palampur have adopted multiple cropping. They grow at least two main crops; many are growing potato as the third crop in the past fifteen to twenty years.
- iii. They use modern method of farming. With the HYV seeds, the yield went up to 3200 kg per hectare.
- iv. People of Palampur are engaged in small scale manufacturing. There are small general stores in the village selling wide range daily needs commodities.
- v. Palampur has fairly well-developed system of roads, transport, electricity, irrigation, schools and health centre.