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Ans. Problems of farm labourers:

- i. Farm labourers come either from landless families or families cultivating small plots of land.
- ii. Unlike farmers, farm labourers do not have a right over the crops grown on the land.
- iii. Instead they are paid wages by the farmer for whom they work. Wages can be in cash or in kind e.g. crop. Sometimes labourers get meals also.
- iv. Wages vary widely from region to region, from crop to crop, from one farm activity to another.
- v. There is also a wide variation in the duration of employment.

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Ans. Reasons for high yields

- i. HYV seeds promised to produce much greater amounts of grain on a single plant. As a result, the same piece of land would now produce far larger quantities of food grains than was possible earlier.
- ii. HYV seeds, however, needed plenty of water and also chemical fertilizers and pesticides to produce best results.
- iii. Farmers of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh were the first to try out the modern farming method in India.
- iv. The farmers in these regions set up tubewells for irrigation, and made use of HYV seeds, chemical fertilizers and pesticides in farming.
- v. Some of them bought farm machinery like tractors and threshers, which made ploughing and harvesting faster.