

Rural Livelihoods

Q1. Describe the work that Thulasi does. How it is different from the work Raman does?

Ans. Thulasi is a labourer who works on Ramalingam's land. Apart from working on the land, she does all the tasks at home. She cooks food for her family, clean the house and wash clothes. She goes to the nearby forest to collect firewood and she fetches water from bore well which is about one kilometre away.

Raman is also a labourer. During work on farm, he sprays pesticides.

When there is no work on the farm he finds work outside, either loading sand from the river or stone from the quarry nearby.

Q2. Have you heard of tsunami? What is this and what damage do you think it might have done to the life of fishing families like Aruna's?

Ans. Yes, I heard of tsunami. Tsunamis are giant waves caused by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions under the sea. When tsunami waves become extremely large in height, they savagely attack coastlines, causing devastating property damage and loss of life. Tsunami waves destroy boats, buildings, bridges, cars, trees, telephone lines, power lines and just about anything else in their way. The violent force of the tsunami results in instant death, most commonly by drowning. Fishing families, who live near the coast, may have lost their house and lives.