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Ans. Sekar's family has to buy seeds and fertilizers as a loan. To pay back this loan they have to sell their paddy to him at a somewhat lower price than what they would get in the market.

During monsoon season, Aruna's family has to borrow money from the traders as they cannot go to sea. Because of this, later on they are forced to sell the fish to that trader, and cannot do their auction.

Similarities:

- (i) Both have to work very hard to earn their living.
- (ii) Both are under the clutches of the traders, from whom they have borrowed money.

Differences:

- (i) Sekar is a small farmer who own only two acres of land and Aruna is a fisherwoman.
- (ii) Sekar earns some extra money by working in Ramalingam's mill. Aruna sells fish only.