



Class : VI
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L8 : Urban Livelihoods

Answer the following questions-

1. Read and discuss the following description of the living conditions of workers who come to the labour chowk.

Most workers that we find at the labour chowk cannot afford permanent accommodation and sleep on pavements near the chowk, or they pay Rs. 6 a night for a bed at a nearby night shelter run by the Municipal Corporation. To compensate for the lack of security, local tea and cigarette shops function as banks, moneylenders and safety lockers, all rolled into one. Most workers leave their tools at these shops for the night for safe keeping and pass on any extra money to them. The shopkeepers keep the money safely and also offer loans to labourers in need.

Source : AmanSethi, Hindu on-line

Ans. The living conditions of the labours is very bad .They can't afford permanent housing, so they sleep on the street or pay Rs. 6 per night for a bed at a Municipal Corporation-run shelter nearby.

2. Complete the following table and discuss how their work is different:

Name	Place of work	Earnings	Security of work	Benefits received	Work on their own or employed
Bachchu Manjhi	Road	Rs 100 a day	No security	No benefits	Work on his own
Harpreet Vandana	Showroom	Flexible	Their job is secured	Yes	Work on their own
Nirmala	Garment factory	Rs. 80 a day	No security	No security	Employed

Sudha	Company office	She gets regular salary.	Her job is secured	Holidays, Medical facilities	Employed
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3. In what ways is a permanent and regular job different from a casual job? Discuss.

Ans. In a permanent and regular job an employee gets a regular salary every month. Besides, a regular salary he gets other benefits such as savings for old age, holidays, medical facilities for his family, etc. Thus, his job is secured. But casual workers avail no job security. If workers complain about their pay or working conditions, they are asked to leave. They are also expected to work very long hours. They don't get other benefits like permanent employees.

4. What benefits does Sudha get along with her salary?

Ans. Sudha is a permanent worker with a company. She gets several benefits along with her salary:

- Savings for old age. A part of her salary is kept in a fund with the government. She will earn interests on these savings.
- Sudha gets off on Sundays and national holidays. She also gets some days as annual leave.
- Medical facilities for her family. The company pays Sudha medical expenses up to a certain amount for her and her family members.