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Causes of Subdivision and
Fragmentation of Agricultural
holdings in India:-

In India, the size of agricultural holding is quite uneconomical, small and fragmented. N.J. Kurien observed that the estimated average size of holding in India is expected to decline from 1.5 hectares in 1990-91 to 1.3 hectares in 2000-01. The marginal holdings are normally expected to be 59.7 percent in 1990-91 which are expected to rise further to 62.1 percent in 2000-01.

Causes of Sub-Division and Fragmentation
of Agricultural Holdings in India :-
With the growth of the size of families

the agricultural holdings in India are gradually being subdivided among the heirs on the death of the owner of the land. In this way generation after generation, the land is being ~~subdivided~~ subdivides and fragmented as well.

Under such a situation a member of the ~~farm~~ family gets one tiny plot at one place and another tiny plot at another place leading to a peculiar problem of growing sub-division and fragmentation of holding.

The following are some of the important causes of growing sub-division and fragmentation of agricultural holding in India :-

1. Increasing pressure of Population :-

With the rapid growth of population in the country the pressure of population on land is increasing. In view near absence of the growth of alternative occupations,

- people ~~start~~ started to put much pressure on agriculture leading to continuous sub-division of land.
2. Law of Inheritance :- In India, the law of inheritance made provision for equal share of the ancestral property among the children. Due to the application of this law there is a continuous split in the size of farms with every new generation.
 3. Fall of Joint Family System :- Under the system of joint family there was no need to sub-divide the size of agricultural holding. But under the impact of growing industrialisation and urbanisation, the joint family system is breaking up rapidly leading to a sub-division of agricultural holding in the country.
 4. Psychological Attachment of Land :- Indian people are very much psychologically attached to land and they are not mentally prepared to accept payment in lieu of land. This type of land sickness has raised the problem of subdivision and fragmentation of holdings.