

E-Learning Study Material
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Remedial Measures to solve the
problem of Subdivision and fragment-
-ation of Agricultural Holdings in
India :-

5. Decline of village Handicrafts and Industries :- Due to destruction of village handicrafts and industries, artisans were forced to discard their ancestral occupations and started to depend on agriculture. This has added the burden of the problem.
6. Rural Indebtness :- ~~High~~ High degree of rural indebtedness is another cause which is supplementing to this problem of sub-division of holding. Unscrupulous village moneylenders are charging exorbitant rate of interest

and adopting unfair practices and in the process gradually grab the land of the poor cultivators. In this way a part of land is passing away into the hands of Moneylenders leading to increasing sub-division of Land holding.

7. Crop Sharing :- In India many big land owners lease ~~out~~ out their land to tenants instead of cultivating their own. In order to avoid trouble these big land owners deliberately divided the land among the number of tenants and in this way avoid land reform laws. Thus in this way a large operational holding is deliberately reduced to number of small uneconomic operational holding.

Remedial Measures to solve the Problem of Sub-division and Fragmentation of Land Holdings in India:-

Some important measures are given below:-
(i) Economic Holdings :- to tackle the problem

(ii) of sub-division and fragmentation, economic holdings should be created.
Consolidation of Holdings:- Consolidation of Agricultural holding is a solution to remedy the problem of scattered or ~~be~~ fragmented holdings. Here Consolidation of land indicates bringing the scattered small plots of land into a compact block and then divide the compact block among the farmers in a compact manner.

In India Consolidation was initiated on a voluntary basis and later on it was made compulsory. Till 1992 nearly 45 percent of total cropped area in the country had been consolidated.

(iii) Co-operative Farming:- Co-operative Farming can be considered as a permanent solution towards the problems of subdivision and fragmentation of agricultural holdings in India. Through Co-operative Farming the small and scattered farms can be consolidated in our country and improve the yield per hectare. —