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WHEN THE EARTH SHOOK!

1. Have you or anyone that you know ever faced such difficulty?

Ans. Yes, my Mamaji stays in Gujarat and he had faced such an earthquake few years back.

2. Who all helped at such a time? Make a list.

Ans. The list of the people who had provided help at that time is as follows:

- (i) The neighbours helped each other.
- (ii) People from the cities.
- (iii) The local leaders.
- (iv) The political leaders.
- (v) Various non-government organizations of that area.
- (vi) Doctors and nurses of the hospitals of that place.
- (vii) Few shopkeepers

3. A lot of people from other places to Jasma's village. Who were these people? In what ways would they have helped the villagers?

Ans. The people who came to Jasma's village for help were:

- (i) People from the cities.
- (ii) Scientists, architect and engineers.
- (iii) Non-government and Voluntary organizations

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- (iv) Some doctors
- (v) State Minister and other political leaders

These people helped the villagers in a number of ways, such as:

- (i) People from the cities with food, medicines and clothes. They also helped to put up the tents.
- (ii) The scientists tried to find out which areas have more chances of having earthquake and they gave an alarming signal to the villagers to keep them away from these places.
- (iii) The engineers and architects showed them some special designs for houses that would not get much damaged in an earthquake.
- (iv) The non-government voluntary organizations helped the people by providing them foods, clothes, tents to make huts etc.
- (v) Doctors and nurses provided them free first aid and treatment.
- (vi) The state minister and other political leaders provided the people various basic things like food grains, vegetables, compensatory money etc.

4. People in Jasma's village rebuilt their houses with suggestions from the engineers. Will these houses be safer then before in case there in an earthquake again? Why?

Ans. Yes, these houses would be comparatively safer than before in case there is an earthquake. This is because these are now prepared according to the suggestions and designs explained by the engineers.

5. Think, if there were is an earthquake where you live, would your house be a danger? What kind of damage could take place?

Ans. Yes, if there is an earthquake, where I live, my house would be in danger. The following damage could happen:

(i) The various household equipment such as TV, radio, utensils, eatables etc. Could get destroyed.

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- (ii) If there would be a very severe earthquake, even the people would get crushed under the fallen houses and die.
- 6. Compare your houses with that of Jasma. List in your notebook what materials were used in making both the houses.

Ans.

Jasma's house	My houses
(i) It was made up of clay, cow, dung,	(i) It is made up of cement, bricks,
mirror etc.	glass, steel etc.
(ii) This is not very strong and can break due to heavy rain, storm.	(ii) It is very strong and can
	withstand all adverse climatic
	conditions.

7. Have you been told in your school or anywhere else about what to do in case of an earthquake?

Ans. Yes, we were told in our school about what should be done in case of an earthquake. We were told to go out in an open place if possible or sit under a strong object like a table and hold it firmly.

8. Why do you think one should go under a table during an earthquake?

Ans. During an earthquake, the house or the building can collapse and the bricks etc. can fall on the people and injure them, even causing their death. Therefore we should sit under a strong object like a table and hold it firmly.