

**TABLE 2.1 EXAMPLES OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**

**EXAMPLE**

**WHAT DOES THIS SHOW?**

Imagine what would happen if farmers refuse to sell sugarcane to a particular sugar mill. The mill will have to shut down.

This is an example of the secondary or industrial sector being dependent on the primary.

Imagine what would happen to cotton cultivation if companies decide not to buy from the Indian market and import all cotton they need from other countries. Indian cotton cultivation will become less profitable and the farmers may even go bankrupt, if they cannot quickly switch to other crops. Cotton prices will fall.

This is an example of the primary sector depending on secondary sector.

Farmers buy many goods such as tractors, pumpsets, electricity, pesticides and fertilisers. Imagine what would happen if the price of fertilisers or pumpsets go up. Cost of cultivation of the farmers will rise and their profits will be reduced.

This is an example of the Primary sector depending on secondary sector.

People working in industrial and service sectors need food. Imagine what would happen if there is a strike by transporters and lorries refuse to take vegetables, milk, etc. from rural areas. Food will become scarce in urban areas whereas farmers will be unable to sell their products.

This is an example of Primary sector depending on secondary sector.

3) The classification of economic activities into primary, tertiary and secondary is useful an accountant as the ~~it~~ information it provides as to how and where the people of a country are employed. Also, this helps in ascertaining as to which sector of economic activity contributes more or less to the ~~country's~~ country's GDP and per capita income.

4) Teacher, doctor, engineers, electricians, cattle rearer, shopkeeper, washerman, milk vendor, farmer, insurance manager, government employees, sweeper, domestic workers, factory owners, vegetable growers, work at a construction site

(i) Primary Sector: Farmer, fruit and flower growers, vegetable grower and cattle rearer.

(ii) Secondary Sector. Work at a construction site factory owner.

(iii) Tertiary Sector: Engineer, doctor, electrician, teacher, shopkeeper, washerman, insurance manager, government employees, domestic workers, sweeper.