

ST D 9 UNIT 3

LISTEN TO THE MOUNTAIN

POSSIBLE DISCOURSES

1. Character sketch of Sagar

Sagar is the building contractor of Mr Dixit who is going to build a multistoried hotel at Dharmagiri .He is the representative of modern man who looks down upon the villagers. Sagar believes in fast life. He thinks that everything has become so easy with the help of machineries. He hates life in the village. He is materialistic as well as ambitious .Sagar talks with contempt to the villages .For him money and power are above humanity and values. Sagar considers the serene beauty of the village and the valley as only to attract the tourists. He gives less care to the emotional attachment of the villages. Even the workers are like rats for him.He does not bother about the age old beliefs of the villagers too.

2. Some of The villages go to meet Sagar to discuss the hotel construction. Prepare a conversation between them

Sagar: :Why are you here men?

Naraya : We have a serious issue to discuss with you

Sagar: :oh serious issue? What is it?

Narayan :We want you to stop building the hotel here

Sagar :How dare you ask me to stop it? We are doing it for you

Narayan :We don't want anything to destroy the serenity of our village.Moreover it is dangerous to the mountain

Sagar :But we are doing nothing to the mountain. your village is going to be a famous tourist place

Sasthriji :Dharmagiri cannot hold a structure more than 30 feet. it is so dangerous.

Sagar :Do you think you know more than our engineers from big cities?

Ramanna :Never.but it is an old belief.

Sagar :I don't care,we are going to start the work tomorrow.

3 Thoughts of Grand mother

oh my village is going to be ruined. Can I hear the chirping of birds anymore? what will happen to the river, the animals and the mountain? Dharmagiri is going to be killed by roads and buildings.The serenity will be lost in the noise of the vehicles. Besides our village will be polluted.. Yes I can hear the cry of the mountain and the rivers .Who will listen to it? Why is man destroying all these ? They have also a life .We ought to preserve it for the next generation .We should find a solution soon, before it is too late.

4.Thoughts of Ramanna

What a pathetic fate is this! They are going to build a 5 star hotel here. Do we need it? No, I don't think so. But what can we do? They have money and power and the work will be started tomorrow. I just cannot bear it. The mountain ,the river, the valley.. all are going to be deprived of the valuable serenity .Shastri today said that Dharmagiri cannot support a building more than 30 feet. It is dangerous. Oh God, what will come to us? Any how it should be stopped. Let all the villages unite for this noble cause and complain to Mr Dixit. This is the only way to save our village.

5. Prepare the petition of the villages to be given to Mr Dixit

From

**The villagers
Dharmagiri**

To

**Mr Dixit
MD, ABC Firms Limited
Bombay
Sir**

Sub: complaint against building of 5 star hotels in Dharmagiri reg:

we have come to know that your company is going to build a 5 Star hotel here. As per the geographical peculiarities our village cannot hold a structure more than 30 feet. It is dangerous to the mountain. The villagers do need a hotel with 300 rooms. Moreover building of such a multistoried hotel can destroy the serenity of the village as well as the mountains. Many houses will be demolished and trees will be cut off. We will not allow anything to affect the environment and our life here. So we request you to stop the construction work immediately and leave the project.

Yours faithfully

Shastri

(on behalf of the villagers ,Dharmagiri)

sign/

6. Prepare a newspaper report of the landslide in Dharmagiri

At last the mountain spoke

Dharmagiri: A terrible landslide shook the village yesterday. It occurred in the afternoon when the construction of a multistoried hotel was going on. Eye witnesses say that there was a terrific roar like rocks falling which lasted for 30 seconds. It was soon followed by a sharp noise. Nearly a hundred men were injured and many were reported to be under the rocks. The wounded were immediately brought to the nearby hospitals. The tragedy is said to be the result of unscientific construction of the hotel. It is believed that the village cannot hold a structure more than 30 feet long. Many villages told that they had given warnings to Mr Dixit, who is the owner of the hotel about the dangers. The government has ordered to stop all the constructions going on in the area and also announced a sum of rupees 10000 as a relief to the hospitalized.

7 Prepare a write-up about the views held by the grandmother and Mr Dixit about development

Grandmother is the representative of the old generation who believes that man should live in harmony with Nature. She thinks that she can hear the voice of the streams, rivers, the birds and the mountain. She is happy with the rough life of village without much luxuries like car or T V. When she hears about the construction of hotel in her village she appears more concerned about the pollution

,the noise and the loss of habitat of animals and birds.The picture of filthy river frightens her.But she is not altogether against progress and admits that since future belongs to the children they should be consulted. Mr dixit is a millionaire who has money and power .so he is so fast in the construction of the hotel.He is not at all bothered about the life or feelings of the villagers.He thinks that nature is something to be exploited according to our needs.Unlike the grandmother he fails to hear the voice of the mountain. He is a selfish man whose only motive is business.

8.Prepare a write-up on the advantages and disadvantages of tourism

Tourism offers many job opportunities like tour guides and hotel keeping. It also enhances food production and retails. So many countries are encouraging it as poverty can be alleviated by the expenditure of the visitors. It indirectly causes infrastructural developments like airports , hospitals, roads ,shopping centres etc. Tourism promotes spreading of culture ,there by giving a sense of pride and identity to the community. It also encourages the preservation of tradition and monuments. Many countries depend tourism as a source of income and employment, a way of showing off national heritage..But when we consider the environmental damage that these places are facing we are shocked. Many forests are destroyed for the construction of roads ,hotels and shops. The beauty and serenity of many monuments are lost. Even mountains and rivers are polluted with huge deposits of plastic wastes..It is said that tourism jobs are insecure and seasonal. It also affects the great tradition and culture . So a development in harmony with Nature is essential.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- **Prepare a conversation between you and Nature**
- **Prepare placards on deforestation**
- **Notice for a seminar on protection of Nature**
- **Imagine one of the villagers narrating the whole story to the reporters. Prepare the narrative**