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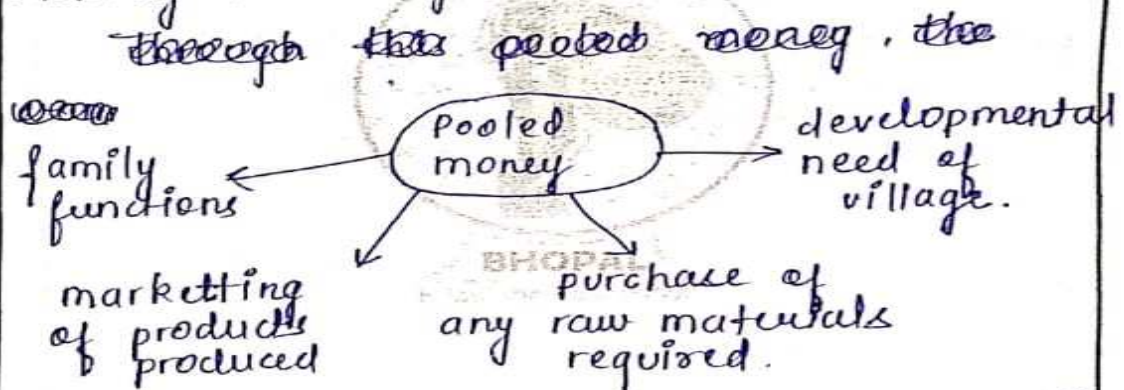
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What is SHG? What is the role played by them in development & empowerment of women? (250 words).

Ans. 6

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Self-Help Groups is a group of 10-20 rural women specialising in a particular skill like pickle-making, weaving etc who pool their contributions monthly to carry out their activities.



This concept is more relevant in this context that women in a village should be change-makers because as we are aware that if a woman is empowered, her whole family & further the whole village is empowered.

DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN :-

To encourage more women to form SHGs, govt & certain corporations from time to time provide them :-

- skill training.
- loans through public sector banks with simple interest rates.
- corporations guarantee that their products would be marketed by them.

Through this, entrepreneurial skills are developed among women. Hence, more & more women in villages are setting up SHGs & getting self-dependent.

Also, SHGs can help women increase their savings, through which she can educate her children & also look after her health.

EMPOWERMENT

Not only it provides financial support, but SHGs serves as a platform to speak up & discuss on issues like education, health, sanitation etc.

There are instances in which the issues raised by women have been heard & solved by agencies.

Also, it provides opportunity for a rural woman to become a role model for her daughter who, in future, may possess several skills which may help her.

'Women are the pillars of the society'.

Thus, SHG is a process & an opportunity for women to unleash their innate skills so that she further helps in growth of our nation.