**CLASS – VII**

**SUBJECT- GEOGRAPHY**

**Name of the chapter- Human Environment Settlement,Transport and Communications**

**Name of the module- 1 of 3**

**HANDOUT**

Settlements are places where people built their homes. Early human beings lived on trees and in caves. When they started to grow crops it became necessary to have a permanent home. The settlements grew near the river valleys as water was available and land was fertile. With the development of trade, commerce and manufacturing, human settlements became larger. Settlement flourished and civilizations developed near river valleys. These are the names of civilization that grew along the banks of rivers Indus, Tigris, Nile and Hwang-Ho etc.

We can identify two different picturs of settlements the rural and the urban settlements. The villagers are rural settlements where people are engaged in activities like agriculture, fishing, forestry, crafts work and trading etc. Rural settlements can be compact or scattered. A compact settlement is a closely built area of dwellings.

The towns are small and the cities are larger urban settlements. In urban areas the people are engaged in manufacturing, trading and services. Name some of the villages, towns and cities of your state.