

## Criticism of Malthusian Theory

1. Malthus was of the view that food production increases in a very slow manner. It is so slow that at some point of time it will not be able to feed the growing population. But this is not correct in case of many developed nations. With the help of pesticides, HYV seeds, modern technology food can be produced in a huge quantity.
2. Malthus gave no proof of his assertion that population increased exactly in geometric progression and food production increased exactly in arithmetic progression. It has been rightly pointed out that population and food supply do not change in accordance with these mathematical series.
3. According to Cannan, “a baby comes to the world not only with a mouth and a stomach, but also with a pair of hands.” This implies that an increase in population means an increase in manpower which may tend to increase not only agricultural but also industrial production and thus makes the country rich by an equitable distribution of wealth and income.
4. The Malthusian theory is one sided. It takes the increase in population as the result of a rising birth rate, whereas population has grown considerably the world over due to a decline in death rate. Malthus could not foresee the marvellous advancements in the field of medical sciences which have controlled fatal diseases and made human life longer.