Introduction of Decimal Number

The word 'decimal' means 'based on 10'. This word has been derived from the Latin word decima meaning a **tenth part**.

The fractional numbers having denominators 10, 100, 1000, etc., are called decimal fractions or decimals.

Some decimal fractions are expressed as given below:

(i) $\frac{4}{10}$ is expressed as 0.4

(ii) $\frac{2}{100}$ is expressed as 0.02

(iii) $3\frac{13}{100}$ is expressed as 3.13

The dot '.' is called the decimal point.

Therefore, decimal fraction consists of two parts i.e., whole number part and decimal part, and they are separated by the decimal point.