



PROBLEM OF WASTAGE IN INDIAN SCHOOLS

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INTRODUCTION

Education in India is important at different stages ranging from primary to University Education. Article 45 of our constitution states that primary education is the Fundamental Right of every child and the government will strive to provide free, compulsory and universal primary education.

The Govt. of India promotes free and compulsory primary education but it is widely seen that by the time children reach 9 years, they start to drop out of school because of certain reasons or difficulties. This leads to wastage.

Our former minister of education and philosopher. Dr, Madhukarrao Choudhary had said that “primary education is the base of life and through it we can raise the standard of society.”

There are different problems in education which arise due to a large and excessive population, one of them being wastage and stagnation. In this chapter an attempt has been to study the problem of wastage and stagnation.

- MEANING OF WASTAGE

Wastage has been defined by the Hartog committee as “premature withdrawal” of the child from school at any time before completion of education at any stage i.e primary, secondary, higher secondary or university education. In simple words, wastage is premature withdrawal of children from school colleges. It is therefore related to the objective of that stage of education in connection with which the problem is being studied.

Consequently, a child who withdraws from school before reaching class V is considered a case of wastage. It is a very serious problem in our country which affects progress of the nation. In order to solve this we need to know the causes of wastage.

According to “Flash statistics: Elementary Education in India and progress towards universal elementary education “ (2006-07) released by min of HRD recently shows Kerala
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continues to be top achiever in composite rankings of primary and upper primary education, followed by puducherry Delhi and Tamil Nadu. Bihar remains the state with worst report card of elementary education.

This report was based on survey of elementary education in 1.20 million school spread over 609 districts over 35 states and union territories of India.

CAUSES OF WASTAGE

- Lack of proper infrastructure
- Illiterate parents and guardians
- Lack of proper spread of primary education in India.
- Poverty
- Lack of funds
- Lack of interesting curriculum at school
- Old traditions
- Use of traditional teaching methods

ROLE OF PARENTS

- Parents should understand the value of education. They must not encourage child labour nor should they keep their children at home to do house hold work .
- Parents should encourage their children and help them in their studies, they should arrange for extra classes if required.
- The parents should maintain communication with teachers and keep track of how their children are performing in class ,if the children are having difficulties.
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- The parents should create such an atmosphere at home which is conducive for learning (there should be no fights between parents which will disturb the students).
- Parents should give priority to the education of the child rather than spending the same amount of money on smoking , alcohol etc.

- Parents should give their children incentives when they get good marks or when they do some work well.

ROLE OF TEACHER IN REDUCING WASTAGE

- The teacher's can use various interesting methods for teaching.
- The teachers can use more teaching aids.
- The teacher can use interactive method of teaching where in they can conduct group discussion, questioning quiz, puzzle, games ,etc.
- The teacher must be a friend, philosopher, guide of the students and always be ready to counsel them .This bonding will encourage the students to come to school and it will inspire the students to pursue education.
- Teacher must use ICT .
- Teachers must meet the parents regularly, there should be coordination between parents and teachers.
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ROLE OF SCHOOL

- The infrastructure of the school should be such that it should enhance the effectiveness of the teaching learning. There should be fans, proper lighting in the class room. The classroom should be big .There should be windows for ventilation.
- The school should employ adequate number of teachers to make sure that the ratio of student teacher is such that the students get enough attention.
- The curriculum should be made life skill oriented and interesting for the students so that their overall development takes place.
- The school should provide for ICT to make the teaching –learning more effective.
- The school must provide in service training for teachers so that their knowledge is updated and they can use various new techniques in teaching.
- The teachers should be given incentives and allowances to encourage them to put in extra efforts.
- The economically backward students can be given some concessions by the school.
- Mid day meals should be provided by the school.

- Adult education programs must be held where parents can be called, they can be explained why education is important for the students.
- There should be at least one school in the 3 km radius such that transportation does not become a cause of wastage. The school should provide a school bus so that easy transport facility is available to teacher and students.

REMEDIES TO OVERCOME PROBLEM OF WASTAGE

- Re-organize the curriculum
- Provide better resources in a school Adult e
- Adult education
- Movement Against Old Traditions
- Financial help and run various schemes
- Use New Methods Of Teaching
- Incentives And Allowances For Teachers
- Special Training For Teachers

CONCLUSION

Wastage is a very grave problem, considering the fact that, India is a young nation. If the children are educated, then India in future can become a super power by utilizing its human resource strength. But if it fails to educate its children properly then these uneducated children may become anti-social elements and miscreants. Hence the problem of wastage needs immediate solution and every child of India must be gifted with the boon of education. So that they can lead India to prosperity.

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