

## **Influence of Home Environment on Psychological Abilities of Children**

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**ABSTRACT** This paper investigates quality of home environment and psychological abilities of underprivileged children of rural Haryana. To achieve the main objectives of the study, 400 children belonging to lower income group were selected randomly from Hisar and Ambala districts of Haryana state. The home environment was assessed by Mohite's Home Environment Inventory, and psychological abilities of the children were measured by McCarthy Scales of Children's Abilities Scale. The results showed that the majority of underprivileged mothers provided poor home environment to their children. Most of the children of Hisar and Ambala districts reported in the present study had mental age below their chronological age and had poor verbal, perception, quantitative, memory, motor abilities and general cognition. Deprived home environment influenced developmental levels of the children which resulting poor verbal, perception, quantitative, memory, motor and general cognition.