

Study of Drop-Out at the Primary Level of Schooling at the Borbaruah Block in the District of Dibrugarh, Assam

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ABSTRACT As the State of Assam has since time immemorial been an agriculture land par excellence the Assamese people are very much engaged in agricultural activities. As the people depend upon manual labour for agriculture and other works, a large number of working hands are necessary to have staple food for lasting for the year round. The yield of paddy depends upon the labour input in land. It is therefore difficult on the part of a cultivator family to spare any family working hand for non-income generating work. Dire poverty and sheer subsistence living cause the need of engagement of all the members of a family, including the young children, in the process of eking out a livelihood. As a perpetual process in the family life, it leads to drop-out of children from schools in the early age groups.