

Extent of Female School Drop outs in Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The present study was aimed at finding out the extent of school dropouts among girls and to know the factors responsible for low enrolment and dropout of girls in schools. A total sample of 150 respondents was selected from local Government Senior Secondary Schools of Bhawarna Block of Himachal Pradesh. Data were collected from respondents and their parents through specific interview schedules. The major findings revealed a significant association between family type, income and education of mothers with incidence of dropouts. Class wise and year wise analysis showed a decreasing trend of dropping out in the past two years. In parents' opinion, behaviour of teachers, inappropriate teaching methods, unsuitable curriculum, lack of child's interest in studies, low grade in class, financial strain and girl's requirement in household work and care of siblings were important factors for low enrolment and dropout of girls in schools.