

## Reasons for dropouts:- (MR. ANIL BEWOOR)

1. From the survey at Cheetah camp and ThakkarBappa Colony, the study has shown that dropout was high among children belonging to Muslim, SC, ST families.
2. The standard of living is one of the main causes of dropouts.
3. Parental characteristics play a significant role in determining school education as
  - a) the dropouts among the children belonging to illiterate parents is higher
  - b) The parents, if not working, the possibility of dropout is high.
  - c) The household size, number of living children and parental education are the most important predictors of school dropouts in India.
4. The other reasons would be:-
  - a) Children are not interested in studies
  - b) Cost of education
  - c) Children are required for household work to contribute to family income.
5. School related factors:
  - a) School infrastructure
  - b) Lack of teachers
6. Other reasons for Dropout:
  - a) Child not interested in studies
  - b) Parents not interested in studies
  - c) Financial constraints
  - d) Unable to cope with school environment
  - e) To work for wage/salary
  - f) Facility of studies doesn't exist in nearby town (especially girls are not allowed to go to schools which are situated far away.)
  - g) Taking care of siblings
  - h) Social restrictions like- 1. Menarche 2. Marriage  
Main reason for girl school dropout is because they need to take care of home and younger siblings as both parents are working.
  - i) Expectations from girls/boys:  
A girl is trained for a role of wife, mother, daughter-in-law, whereas boys are trained for an occupation. Besides this, families often think that the cost of education, both monetary and psychological is wasted on girls.
  - j) Safety of girls travelling alone is a major concern as Indian families do not allow girls to stay in hostels for further education.
7. Infrastructure barriers: Many government schools lack separate toilet for girls. Though there are separate toilets in some schools, but they are not maintained properly. This creates reluctance among students to come to school.

Educationists MilindWagh says that more boys than girls are dropping out of schools in India.- Reasons-

1. Poverty
2. Poor academic performance
3. Sub-standard teaching

4. Migration (in search of jobs)
5. Need for employment to support the family.

He calls it is “forced out” rather than dropout. “Dropout” implies as if kids are leaving school willingly. In fact, system is pushing them put of the schools. In India, boys are expected to support the family. They often migrate for jobs and hence unable to complete schooling.