

Sale of School Seats in Delhi- Helpless Government

So, in the early days of this month, nursery admissions in many prestigious schools in Delhi have opened up. It's a bit shocking because according to the guidelines of DOE nursery admissions are not supposed to happen till January. But, have rules ever stopped the elites in 'india from getting what they want?

A sting operation by IBN Network showed principles of two prestigious schools in Delhi: Mother's Pride and GD Goenka La Petite discussing the procedure of "registration" of children in school's software so that the name appears in the cut off list. These schools are claiming direct admission of children if parents are ready to give donations upto Rs. 2 lakhs out of which upto 75% amount has to be paid in cash. Moreover, seats reserved for Economically Weaker Section of the society are openly being offered to children in general category in exchange for lakhs of rupees. The school also suggested that the parents can get a fake income certificate made for merely 3000 bucks.

These so called jugaads are strictly against the government guidelines regarding admissions. More surprising is the fact that government is aware of these activities but has taken no action so far. Kiran Walia, the education minister in Delhi has said that it cannot do much because there are no complaints filed against these schools. Sumit Vohra, founder of nurseryadmissions.com, thousands of complaints regarding donations and such problems have been filed with the government but it is just not ready to take any action.

So, even though education is everyone's right on papers, Delhi schools and government has ensured that this right remains with the kids of rich and wealthy families.

Education is a necessary instrument in development of an economy. India hopes to be a super power by 2020 but it cannot even ensure education to its all children. This might not be happening only in Delhi, but in other cities as well. The low quality infrastructure in government schools and almost no efforts of the government to invest in education leaves parents desperate to get their children in the best school, which means the school which has 5-star infrastructure and a brand value.

According to experts, all schools are at par when it comes to education in nursery. Thus, parents might block a seat for their children in some not so renowned school, and then apply for admission in their "dream school" in second or third grade. If even then they are not able to get in then continue in the same school and make sure that their child understands and learns well in school so that he can have a shot at good educational institute during his higher education because brand value of school play almost no role during the admissions in colleges.

But the main task lies with the government who, in spite of being aware of everything, is feigning helplessness. It must take actions against such schools to ensure equal opportunities in education and may be also try to improve the educational infrastructure in government schools so that parents don't have to rely only on private schools who are only hoping to mint money.

