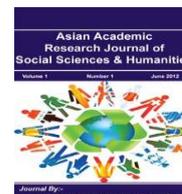




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BASIC FACILITIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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Abstract

The priority in the field of education in India at present is on universal elementary education. It is, therefore, necessary to make provisions for primary and upper schooling facilities in every nook and corner of the country. It may be kept in view that provision does not only mean opening schools everywhere but it also means providing all basic facilities provided in the schools. It is in this context that this paper examines the position of basic facilities provided in primary schools of Himachal Pradesh. The paper analyses data pertaining to basic facilities in primary schools such as availability of buildings, number of class-rooms, single class-room and single teacher schools, availability of basic facilities like black-board, drinking water, playground, boundary walls, toilets and libraries. The analysis of data reveals that 74% percent schools have pucca structured buildings, majority of the primary schools have 3 to 5 rooms in the schools, there are a few single-teacher primary schools, most of the schools have 2 teachers, the facilities like black-board, drinking water and mid day meal are available in all the schools and playground and boundary walls are available in most of the schools, common toilets and toilets for girls' are not available in most of the primary schools, about 88 percent primary schools have electricity connection, no primary school is having computer for any kind of academic and administrative work, in all the government primary schools medical checkups are organized regularly and all of them have ramps for facilitating the education of physically challenged children.

Key-Words: buildings, class-rooms, teachers, black-board, drinking water, playground, boundary walls, toilets and libraries