DROPOUTS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION USING FUZZY RELATIONAL MAPS (FRM)

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The least concerned issue of our nation is the dropouts in primary schools. As children are not the vote banks, no politician ever takes any interest about the dropouts in primary education, leave alone the children who have never joined or even visited school. The parents in a way are selfish and unconcerned about their children's education, most of the parents in the very poor society are more bothered about their day to day living and they do not even mind stopping the child from school if it can earn some daily wages.

In this paper we analyse the cause of such dropouts and here we mainly concentrate not on the public or on teachers, but only on the parents role in denying a child even a primary education. To achieve this we construct a FRM model; as the data under analysis is an unsupervised one we felt only FRM can give us the hidden pattern of the situation. The main causes for the dropouts in primary schools are:

1. Poor economic condition of the parents.
2. No school in the neighbourhood with least fees.
3. Language problems
4. Uneducated parents who are unaware of the value of education.

5. No proper counselling given to the poor and uneducated parents by the teachers or social workers about the need of the basic primary education and the unknown harm they are doing to their children by denying them education.

We suggest that education should be made free at least for the very poor in the school in the locality.