



PRIVATE TUITION DEPENDENCY: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND POSSIBLE WAYS-OUT

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Abstract Private tuition has become a very popular and compulsory part of the education system. It gives additional backing, individualized care to the students. As a consequence, it has positive effect on the learning outcomes. Despite of this positive side, it associates with several negative outcomes. As everyone can't afford the private tuition for financial reason, it catalyses the inequalities in learning outcomes. The seriousness about the school and school teacher is being diluted. There are several reasons behind this tuition dependency. Detailed analysis from different viewpoints is needed to reveal the actual causes. Sudden banning the tutoring is not the solution. Reducing the load of curriculum, recruiting ample numbers of trained teachers, arranging remedial classes by school – these types of activities are needed for reducing the tuition dependency.

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IntroductionThe dependency of the pupils on particular private tutor, tutorial home, specialized subject teacher and on outside-school (off school) coaching classes has metamorphosed into a vortex , dipped in honorable egoism to be intermingled with the specialization of the state of the art.Private tutoring can be defined as fee-based tutoring that provides supplementary instruction to children in academic subjects that they study in the mainstream education system (Dang & Rogers, 2008). It is a very common phenomenon across many developing as well as developed countries. In India private coaching or tutoring has become very common and popular practices at present time. This paper seeks to explore the underlying causes of private tuition dependency from different viewpoint and also the way out to get rid of this dependency.

Consequences of private tuition

Private tuition has positive and significant effect on the learning outcomes of the student. This is possible because

i) Private tuition engages a student more time in studying (Dongre & Tewary,2014).

- ii) Private coaching offers personalized attention to the students (Das, 2015).
- iii) Private tuition acts as a remedial teaching for an academically weak student.
- iv) It delivers additional assistance for the success in competitive examinations.

Besides this private tuition have some negative consequences also-

- i) As everyone can't afford the private tuition for financial reason, it catalyses the inequalities in learning outcomes.
- ii) The seriousness about the school and school teacher is being diluted by the practices of private tuition.
- iii) Students' self dependency is being decreased.

Causes of tuition dependency

Different studies suggest that the several factors like- family income, family awareness, area of residence, parents' educational status, play crucial role in taking private tuition. It is found that the private tuition has positive and significant effect of private tutoring on learning outcomes for students in grades one to eight. This effect is equivalent to an additional year of schooling or being in a private school instead of a government school. The effect is stronger for the disadvantaged students – those who are less wealthy, and those whose parents are relatively less educated (Dongre & Tewary, 2014).

Various studies have been made regarding the existence and popularity of private tuition. But most of the studies have been circulated around the lacunas of the school and the school teacher as the cause. But the real story is quite more extended. Detailed analysis from different viewpoints is needed to reveal the actual causes.

Dependency parallels with deficiency

Deficiency would inevitably come to a student's life only to fill up the shortcoming doubly recharged. But here initiative is being initiated by the students and by their guardian to be dependable on the private tuition.

Specialization of the specialized

The students as well their family to some extent have been with the conviction that to penetrate as much as one's specialized arena, makes the real sense.

Deviation of sustainability

A student appreciates to be deviative from the ongoing scheme and to grab some drops of supplementary in expense of sustainable aura.

Foregrounding subjectivity

The touch of intimacy, the aura of personality and the taste of subjectivity, exhilarate a student to be dependable on the aforesaid.

Confronting utility

Tuition dependency is wholly stationed on utilitarian value of education. To cope with the situation where the margin of error is being minimized, the students are out there on the threshold of the tutor's house.

Visualization of irrelevant

To a student, here, visualization is similar to a prejudiced belief that the backup force behind success is tuition dependency.

Advocacy of recurrence and re-enforcement

A decent student depends on tuition only to make it an aid of repetition and reinforcement of his comprehensions.

Accompaniment of friendship

A certain amount/number of students foresee the tuition time as an accompaniment of their extended friendship.

Assimilation of positive with dreadful

Some hard subject matters need to be tutored like math and other science subjects. But this does not mean that all subjects are being taught through tuition. Some assumes it as a right of their studentship that they should cluster themselves amidst a tutor.

Inadequacy of consolidation

Students' lack of concentration on class is one of the reasons for their excessive tuition dependency. Some kill or spare time on school with the conviction of all soluble tuition.

One-stop clarification

Although it is to an extent opposite of specialization, in village area the students as well as their guardian are identical about the one –stop solution. Due to some household workload, the students are irregular in classes, assuming that, they should compensate the loss through a one-stop clarification.

Old wine in a new bottle

In some cases students do not recognize that if they would have attended class properly, the tutored matters are none other than old wine in a new bottle.

The fear of being victimized

Though not frequently but there are some mercenary teachers who instigate the students on private tuition in absence of which they would deviate their oral or practical exam number.

The way-outs

To get rid of bearings, the education system would have to be equitable to the subsequent directions-

- Students' willful accumulation is being entertained.
- Curriculum load should be reduced.
- Adequate number of teachers should be recruited (Majumdar, 2014).
- Dongre and Tewary (2014) suggest that remedial education should be provided by the schools itself.
- Prejudiced demeanor regarding the pros of tuition dependency should be wiped out.
- Selective attitude from students end on specialized subject tuition is being needed.
- The habit of reading wide range of books / reference books can eradicate the student's tuition dependency.
- A faithful and positive attitude from the guardian's end on the school teacher may be helpful to abolish this dependency.
- Our thought process on the tuition dependency and our tendency to give it a high-five are to be minimized.
- So far as the homework is concerned, students' eagerness to solve it at home by own may be the weapon to fight against tuition dependency.
- If the school teachers become more apprehensive regarding the repetition and reinforcement on the lesson , there is no need remain there to be fulfilled by the tutor.

Conclusion

It is very difficult to neglect the educational benefit provided by tuition. And gradually it has become not only a necessity but also a trend. So keeping in mind the fact behind the popularity and effectiveness of private tuition, the approach should not be entertained on its sudden banning. Rather its utility should be modified or restricted by the above mentioned possible way-outs or remedies to create a balancing situation.

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