



Transport problem and infant schools

Problems of city life are unlimited. And no particular problem is less serious than the other. A guardian facing an immediate problem of getting his or her ward admitted in an infant school for example may consider the problem of admission particularly in baby class as the most serious and difficult problem of city life. But just after getting rid of that problem i.e. by being anyhow able to get the desired admission in an

infant school his or her previous notion about the problem of city life may change in no time. He or she may then feel that the transport problem, particularly of the school-going kids is no less serious than the earlier one i.e. the problem of admission.

In reality too transport problem of the infant-school attending kids is a very difficult problem. This becomes specially so due to the following reasons.

Firstly, most of the infant schools sit in the morning generally from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. when the majority of the guardians too are to go to their offices. Obviously, this becomes the busiest hour of the day and the rickshaws, including all other vehicles can hardly meet the high pressure of innumerable transport seeking people. Consequently, the infants fall in an awkward situation as their guardians' eagerness to avail any kind of transport seem to be greater than their own.

Secondly, due to a great competition in respect of

admission a large number of infants can hardly get admission in any school nearer to their residences. As a result, they can not go to their school on foot.

Fourthly, most of the schools are not on bus routes. Moreover, the infants can hardly move on buses which are often unimaginably crowded. So they are to move only on rickshaws which are not only very costly but also very difficult to avail during their school time. As a result, the school-going infants have been facing a very serious transport problem in going to and coming back from their schools.

Under the circumstances, we feel that all the infant schools should have their own buses or coasters to carry their students, specially the kids, to and from their homes in exchange of a moderate transport charge. This will minimise a great tension of the guardians on the one hand and may be economically beneficial for the school authority as well as the guardians on the other. This would also minimise the danger of accidents which the infants are often to face.

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