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Municipal Corporation Primary School, Village Mandi, New Delhi has all the facilities – building, furniture, drinking water and toilet. School has required number of qualified and trained teachers. Students are provided free textbooks, uniform and mid-day meal. Library and computers are also there. Students belonging to SC/ST, OBC, minority community and girls are provided ₹ 1000 per year as scholarship and another ₹ 1000 per year for good attendance. In spite of all this, average attendance is only 500 out of 868 enrolled.

Teachers visit homes of children who are not regular to school and try to convince their parents. Teachers visit and talk to parents three times. But this is not helping in improving the average attendance. Learning is directly linked to attendance, i.e. learners' presence in school. Poor attendance is also responsible for low achievement of children.

Any solution?

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Pratibha Vidyalayas of South Delhi Municipal Corporation offer education in both Hindi and English medium. One section is Hindi medium and the other section is English medium. Children attending these schools do not have English in the environment – home, neighbourhood and even school. When they do not know the language, how can they study in that medium? Also, this scheme has failed to enhance attendance. What does education policy say?

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