

Appendices

Appendix A: Structured questionnaire used for data collection (data collection tool)

QUESTIONNAIRE

Title: Case Study on School Dropouts Children in Bhopal

(Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal)

Section 1: General Information

- 1. Name of the respondent (to be kept confidential): _____
- 2. Age: _____
- 3. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other
- 4. Current occupation (if any): _____
- 5. Date of dropout from school: _____
- 6. Last grade attended: _____
- 7. Type of school last attended: ☐ Government ☐ Private ☐ NGO-run
- 8. Area: ☐ Urban ☐ Semi-Urban ☐ Rural
- 9. Type of residence: ☐ Pucca ☐ Semi-pucca ☐ Kachcha
- 10. Access to electricity: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 2: Family Background

- 1. Number of family members: _____
- 2. Number of school-going children in the family: _____
- 3. Education level of parents:
 - - Father: ☐ Illiterate ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Higher
 - - Mother: ☐ Illiterate ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Higher
- 4. Monthly household income: Rs. _____
- 5. Primary source of income: _____
- 6. Occupation of parents:
 - - Father: _____
 - - Mother: _____
- 7. Caste/Ethnicity: _____
- 8. Religion: _____
- 9. Migration status: ☐ Migrant ☐ Non-migrant
- 10. Language spoken at home: _____

Section 3: Educational Experience

- 1. Enjoyed attending school? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes
- 2. Distance to school (in kilometers): _____
- 3. Mode of transport: ☐ Walk ☐ Bicycle ☐ Bus ☐ Other: _____
- 4. Regular attendance before dropping out? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5. If no, reason: _____
- 6. School facilities available:
 - - Toilets: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Drinking water: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Mid-day meal: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Safe infrastructure: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Library: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Playground: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 7. Relationship with teachers and peers:
 - - Friendly? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Faced bullying or discrimination? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes
- 8. Academic performance: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Poor
- 9. Any learning difficulties or disabilities: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - If yes, specify: _____

Section 4: Reason for Dropout

- (Tick all that apply and explain briefly)
- ☐ Financial difficulties
- ☐ Need to work for income
- ☐ Household responsibilities
- ☐ Illness or disability
- ☐ Disinterest in studies
- ☐ Poor academic performance
- ☐ Marriage or pregnancy
- ☐ School was too far
- ☐ Lack of school facilities
- ☐ Discrimination (caste/gender/other)
- ☐ Lack of support from teachers
- ☐ Peer influence
- ☐ Language barrier
- ☐ Migration
- ☐ Caregiving responsibilities

- ☐ Other (please specify): _____
- Brief explanation: _____

Section 5: Post-Dropout Situation

- 1. Are you currently working? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - If yes, type of work: _____
- 2. Working conditions:
 - - Hours per day: _____
 - - Income per day/week/month: Rs. _____
- 3. Are you involved in any alternative education program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - If yes, specify the name/type: _____
- 4. Would you like to go back to school? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
- 5. What support do you think would help you return to school? _____
- 6. How has dropping out affected you emotionally or mentally?
 - - ☐ No effect ☐ Somewhat ☐ A lot
 - - Explain briefly: _____

Section 6: Awareness and Support

- 1. Were you aware of any government support schemes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - If yes, which ones? _____
- 2. Did you or your family receive any help from:
 - - School: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - NGO: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Government department: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - Others: _____
- 3. Was this support helpful? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - - If no, why? _____
- 4. Suggestions for preventing dropouts in your community: _____

Section 7: Interviewer Notes

- (To be filled by the researcher based on observation and impressions)
- - Behavior and attitude of respondent:
- - Environment and living conditions:
- - Any remarkable insight or quote:
- - Cross-verification with parents/guardians:
- - Researcher reflections:
- Signature of Interviewer: _____