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Education in South Africa

In practise there is still statutory discrimination in the areas of education in S. Africa. Black pupils are provided with an inferior education to keep Blacks into servility.

White children recieve free and compulsry education in well-equipped schools with all the necessary facilities for normal schooling. However, black children have to pay school fees and purchase textbooks. Black education is not compulsory, the schools are poorly equipped and over crowded. The government spends R3956.00 a year on each white child against R970.00 per Black child. In other words the State spends four times as much on white child against what it spends on a black child. The racial discrimiation on education in South Africa is very pathetic as far as the black child is concerned. .Despite the so called the De Klerks Reforms of 1990 it was reported that at the beginning of this year (1992) more than 2000 school children were returned away from the school because of lack of space from three newly established non racial schools in Johannesburg. About 1500 pupils had applied for admission but only 370 were accepted. In South Africa black parents are eager to place their children in a better education system compared to what is offered in the Blacktownships. As mentioned above there are schools which still allow white admission only. Such schools are catogorised as Model A, B, C, and D. Model D allows mixed admission i.e. Black and White. Still in the Model Dis schools White are given vast admission and Black children are in most cases turned away without admission.

.The aim of the racist government still is to keep the blacks in S.Africa ignorant still under qualified as the disastrous 1991 Matric Results have shown.Only 37% Black Students have managed to pass the Examination while 90% of the White Students have passed the Examination.

The Black Education is in a state of collapse in South Africa. This has been a result of:

- (a) disrtuption and violence
- (b) poor transportation to school
- (c) overcrowding

- (d) complete lack of textbooks
- (e) unqualified teachers
- (f) Whereas in White Schools, the students are well taken care of. They have all educational requirements.

Nothing better can be achieved to improve the Black education in South Africa while Apartheid is in force.