

**The one who fights for our children's rights!
Is the one who will get our vote!**

Five Questions On Our Children's Rights

This election may affect your children. Especially if your would-be representative in legislative assembly keeps the following in mind.

- Education – good / quality education – is everyone's right. Especially after the RTE, education in every government school should be such that everyone finds good. But even very poor parents are making sacrifices to send their children to private schools.

Question 1: What will you do to ensure appropriate and quality education in government schools?

- Teachers' salaries have gone up. They now get training from time to time to enable good education for children. There is provision for mid-day-meals, school uniforms, play equipment, learning material – all free. But there is demotivation among teachers. They feel neglected. They feel as if they are not being respected.

Question 2: What will you do so that teachers take interest in their work and are alert/committed to the good education of their children?

- According to RTE the responsibility of running/managing the schools will now be with community and panchayats. But the community and the panchayats feel: how can we give any advice to the school? They do not find themselves capable of advising / supporting schools. And they feel this is not even their work.

Question 3: What will you do to enable the active involvement of community and panchayats in improving education in our schools?

- Community and parents both expect that education will ensure children's development as well as employment. But now people say: All this education is going to lead only to unemployment, so it is better that the child be engaged in some wage earning work right away.

Question 4: What will you do so that every member of the community is aware and committed towards the education of their children?

- If we look at the money spent on education, most of it is used for salaries, infrastructure and maintenance. Crores of rupees are spent every year on this. Even then our schools and education offices look dirty and disorganized compared to private institutions. And the people responsible for improving education for children cannot even be heard talking about it.

Question 5: What will you do so that government schools and education offices look attractive? So that people in the system not only think of children's improvement but also do what is needed?

Your views will have an impact, won't they? But only if you raise these questions? Give your vote only if you get an answer! So go ahead, ask questions, get others to ask, and let us know at ignuspahal@gmail.com!