



Prasanna is the mother of 4 year old twin boys, Aklesh and Abhilash who are students of DIRECT programmes Balwadi component since March 2007. Both her sons have been recently admitted to a private school where their parents pay the fee of Rs. 150 per month. Prasanna says that they are ready to pay such a high fee for a private school because according to her English as a language is important in today's times for employment whereas Telugu remains a household language. On being questioned about the problem of bilingualism emerging for her sons because of their learning happening in two different languages within the school and the Balwadi, she highlights that her sons are keener in coming to the Balwadi for its play-way methods of teaching whereas they see the school as a space of serious study. She highlights, "My sons want help in studies which I can't give". Prasanna, therefore sees education in high regard and is happy with the functioning of a Balwadi centre in her community