Site Visit Report to Door Step School for the fund renewal of the Transportation by Asha Canada.

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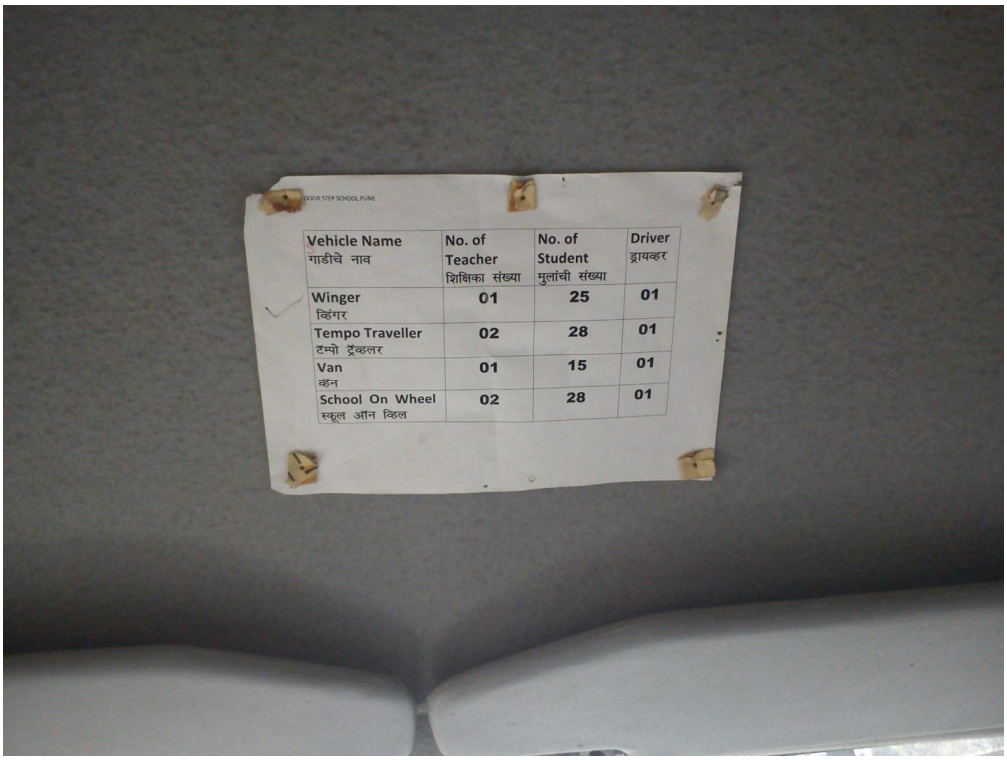
Summary:

The students from various construction sites are provided with pickup and drop facilities to and from the school. The bus (a Tata Winger: which is a 13 seater and can accommodate upto 25 kids at a time) travels approximately 100kms a day and commutes about 150 students daily. These are students from the Primary school (Maximum students from 1st and 2nd grades.) This facility is available around the areas Pashan, Aundh, Kothrud, Paud Road, Shastrinagar , Varje, Chikhalwadi(Khadki) and Bavdhan. The bus starts from the DSS Office in Aundh at 06.45 hours . The bus covers approximately 80 to 100 Kms every day and runs from 06:45 to 18:15 hours.

The Bus driver Mr. Sandeep Saudagar has been working with DSS for the last 5 years. When I spoke to him, he said he is happy doing this work. This work is of a huge responsibility and he feels that in his own way he is giving back something to the society. He says that he is satisfied with his job.



DOOR STEP SCHOOL PUNE

Vehicle Name गाडीचे नाव	No. of Teacher शिक्षिका संख्या	No. of Student मुलांची संख्या	Driver ड्रायव्हर
Winger व्हिंगर	01	25	01
Tempo Traveller टेम्पो ट्रॅव्हलर	02	28	01
Van व्हन	01	15	01
School On Wheel स्कूल ऑन व्हिल	02	28	01

The bus also transports teachers and it is ensured that at least one bus supervisor is travelling on the bus during all pickups and drops. Currently Varsha Bane and Vanisha Santyango are in charge of the kids on bus betweekn 09:00 to 17:30 and 07:00 to 15:00 respectively. They maintain a register of the children's attendance. The parents also have the contact details of these supervisors, for case of any emergencies.

(Image: Varsha and Vanisha, the supervisors on bus.)

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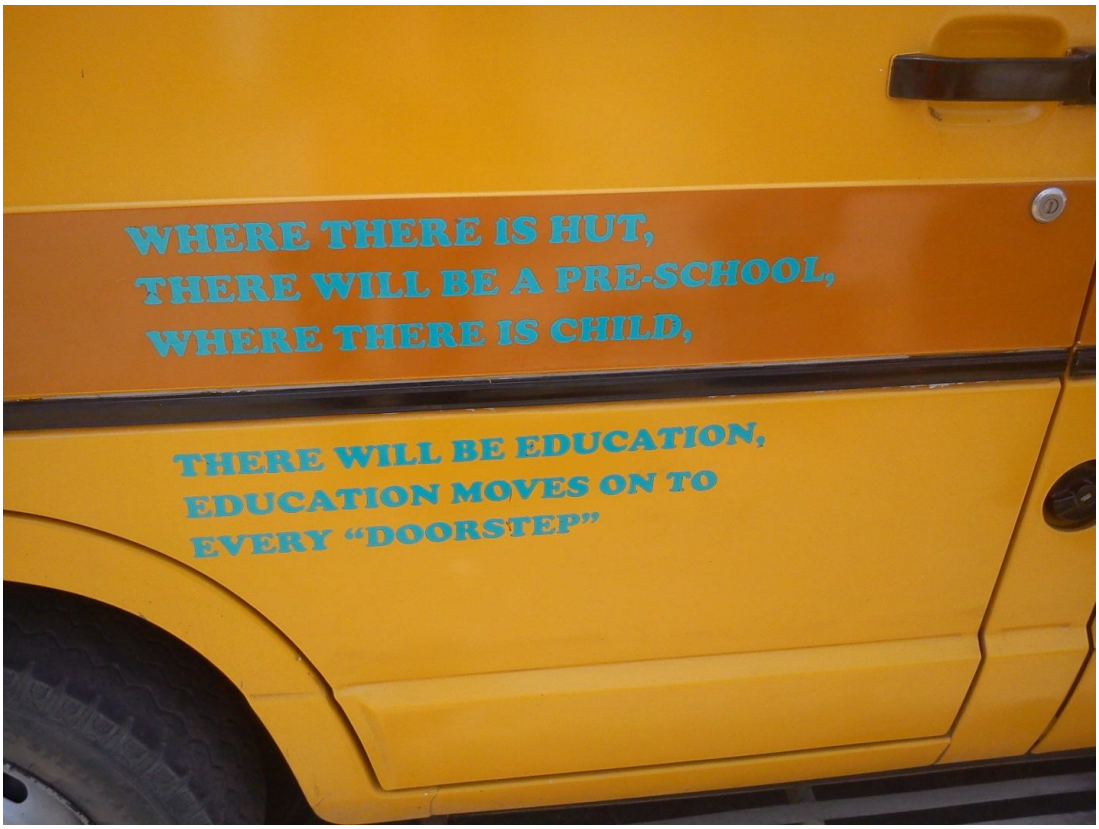
Parents find this facility very convenient and are glad that they do not have to worry about getting the children to school and back. I spoke to a couple of parents since most of them were out working. Neetu Singh a happy parent of 3, says that she was earlier working at a site in Ambegaon where she had to walk the children for a couple of kilometers to bring them to school. Since she has started working at Wakad, things have become much easier for her and her children. Rekha, is also happy to avail of this facility. She says she is glad that her children are getting educated. She says, that since normally both the parents work on the sites, most often for the younger children who cannot travel alone to school, this becomes a hurdle, but since commuting has been taken care of, educating the children has become much easier. The parents said that they also feel very secure since they have the contact numbers of the supervisors. Neetu mentioned that very often their children are bullied by the local students, she says that the staff on the bus have also often taken care of this.

I also spoke to a couple of students on the bus. They said that sometimes when they miss the bus, they have to walk a long way to the school. Hence, they are always ready on time. The children seemed to be unanimously happy about the bus.

I travelled on the bus for about 15 minutes to be transported to one site and then to another after dropping a few children to one school and spoke to the children, their parents, the supervisors, the bus driver and all I felt was positive energy about this transport facility: