

THE IMPACT OF LOAN BURDEN ON STUDENT BORROWERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN

(A STUDY WITH REFERENCE TO PUDUCHERRY)

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ABSTRACT

India has the largest Education System in the world regarding in the of number of educational institutions and it is the second largest in terms of enrolment. Though our education system shows impressive growth in number of institutes and enrolment in the country, it still faces challenges on several fronts including low and inequitable access to higher education and shortage of finance. The pressure to increase access to affordable education is steadily increasing with the contribution of banks in form of education loan. Education loan is becoming popular day by day, because of the rising fee structure. The study reveals the impact of loan burden on satisfaction of student borrower in higher education loan. This study has been conducted in Puducherry with a sample of 576 Student Borrowers comprising of Engineering, Medical and other Professional courses. The data were collected through well framed questionnaire. The collected data were analyzed using Measures of Central tendency (Mean and Standard deviation) and Structural Equation Model (SEM). A Model has been constructed to show the influence of loan burden on the level of satisfaction of student borrowers who availed Education Loan in Puducherry Region.

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