Title: Role of Special Schools in Promoting Inclusive Education

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The dissertation considers future role of special schools within process of inclusion. The research problem and its essential features are well justified in the chapter “Statement of the problem”. Key terms are clearly defined in chapter two. The terms are not only defined but also discussed. The dissertation is based on social model of disability and human rights. Key documents on human rights related to inclusion are presented. Sufficient number of resources is used. Opportunities for children with SEN in education in India are described. There are also paragraphs on situation on SEN in UK, and Netherlands regarding roles of special schools.

The selected methods are well justified with sufficient amount of literature. Pramod proves his understanding of chosen research method also with presentation of its shortcomings. Research question is defined and is relevant to the chosen topic. However it should be clear from the first chapters which country you mean with regards to your research about roles of special schools and who were those you asked your research questions and why. Ethical issues are considered, discussed and followed up.

In chapter four results of the study are presented. However it is not clear why you chose indicators 4.1 – 4.23. For example what are links between roles of special schools (you were researching) and indicators 4.1 – 4.12. Please clarify.

Conclusion chapter is rather weak and emotional. There are a lot of personal statements and comments about dissertation research process. Sharing your experience does have its value. However conclusion as such is expected to be based on strong evidence and research outcomes. Similar can be said about recommendations. Again recommendations should be concrete and based on research outcomes. I thus propose to summarize recommendations during viva.

There are various generalizations in dissertation which slightly devalue it. I recommend avoiding them in your future research reports.

Pramod worked on his dissertation with great independence and with self-confidence until last minute. I believe Pramod will apply new skills and knowledge in his future professional life.

I recommend Pramod for viva.

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