कार्यक्रम को वर्ष 1994-95 में परिचालित करने की योजना बनाई गई है। आठवीं योजना में जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के लिए प्रस्तावित परिव्यय 1950 करोड़ रु. है जिसका 85% भाग केन्द्र द्वारा तथा 15% भाग राज्यों द्वारा वहन किया जाएगा। संगणकीकृत प्रबंध सूचना प्रणाली के जिए जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम का अनुश्रवण करने तथा प्राथमिक स्कूलों के बच्चों के उपलब्धि स्तरों का आकलन करने के लिए आवधिक अध्ययन आयोजित करने की परिकल्पना की गई है।

Expansion of Creches

4316. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any proposal under government's consideration for expansion of creches in the country;
- (b) what is the budget provision for the existing and the new creches for the current financial year;
- (c) what is the number of new creches to be opened in 1994 and the total grant sanctioned or to be sanctioned for the existing and the new creches in the country; and
- (d) the total amount out of this sanctioned for Punjab and the amount made available for this purpose so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) A National Creche Fund (NCF) with a corpus fund of Rs. 19.90 crores, has been set up in 1994 to meet the growing demand for opening of more creches. New creches under the NCF will be opened out of interest accrued on the corpus fund. In addition, an amount of Rs. 23.05 crores has been earmarked during 1994-95 for assistance to voluntary organisations for running existing creches.
- (c) The number of new creches to be opened under NCF during 1994 would depend upon the response received from the voluntary organisations. The funding pattern under NCF is being worked out. As per present pattern of

assistance, an annual grant of Rs. 18,480 per creche is given. In addition, a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4000 is also sanctioned to new creches. So far, an amount of Rs. 10.16 crores has been sanctioned to implementing agencies during 1994-95 for existing creches.

(d) The Non-Government Voluntary Organisations are being assisted to run 211 creches in the State of Punjab. An amount of Rs. 38.99 lakhs has been earmarked for the purpose. During 1994-95 so far, an amount of Rs. 18.01 lakhs has been sanctioned to implementing agencies for running creches in Punjab.

Allocation made for vocational education in Punjab

4317. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount allocated to the Government of Punjab for the progress of vocational training at secondary education level during 1993-94 and amount to be allocated in 1994-95 and which is made available till date; and
- (b) the measures proposed to be taken or are being proposed to encourage vocational training at Secondary education level in Punjab?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) An amount of Rs. 261.32 lakhs was sanctioned during 1993-94. No amount has been sanctioned for 1994-95 so far.

- (b) The State Government of Punjab has been advised to take the following steps for improvement of the Vocational Education programme:
- Creation of Management structure at all levels.
- District Vocational Surveys to be conducted in all districts.
 - Training programmes for teachers.
- Amendment of Recruitment Rules to accommodate vocational pass-outs.
 - Establishing school-Industry linkages.
 - Ensure effective monitoring.