

niently to the public free of cost. In a few areas where resistance to chloroquine by parasites has been noticed, alternative anti-malarials like quinine have been extended to 38 towns during 1977-78 besides continuing it in the already existing 28 towns.

For early examination of blood smears and providing quick Medical treatment to positive cases, laboratory services have been decentralised to the P.H.C. level.

Supervision of the field staff has been toned up.

Steps have been taken for undertaking both fundamental and operational research in Malaria.

Intensive campaign has been started in North Eastern region with World Health Organisation assistance for containing the spread of *P. falciparum* infection.

Steps have been taken for imparting health education regarding the disease and for seeking co-operation of public organisations e.g. pan-

chayats, School teachers, students, Youth Organisations, Medical Practitioners etc. in controlling the disease.

Cases of Snake Bite in Delhi

*72. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of snake bite have come to Government's notice recently in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases registered with each Government hospital in Delhi during the years 1975, 1976 and upto September in 1977?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of such cases registered with each Government hospital in Delhi during the year 1975, 1976 and upto September, 1977 is as follows:—

S. No.	Name of Hospital	1975	1976	Upto September, 1977
1	Safdarjang Hospital	217	211	89
2	Willingdon Hospital	2	1	1
3	Irwin Hospital	43	32	39
4	All India Institute of Medical Sciences.	7	3	2

बच्चों के लिए अनिवार्य शिक्षा

* 73. श्री गुरुदेव गुप्त :

क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 14 वर्ष तक की आयु के सभी बच्चों के लिए अनिवार्य शिक्षा के संवैधानिक उपबंध

को नियत समय में क्रियान्वित करने के बारे में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) उक्त उपबंध को पूरी तरह क्रियान्वित करने में कितना समय लगने की संभावना है; और

(ग) उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं, जो इस कार्यक्रम को क्रियान्वित करने में पिछड़ रहे हैं और इस कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन की गति को तेज करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

†[Compulsory education for children

*73. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:
Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the implementation of the constitutional provision for compulsory education of all children upto the age of fourteen years within a stipulated period;

(b) the time likely to be taken to fully implement the said provision; and

(c) the names of the States which are lagging behind in implementing the programme and the steps which the Central Government are taking to accelerate the pace of implementation of this programme?]

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण तथा संस्कृति मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्रीमती रेणुका देवी बरकटकी) : (क) से (ग) शिक्षा मुख्यतः एक राज्य विषय है। कक्षा I से VIII में बच्चों के दाखिले की प्रगति दर्शाने वाला विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट C-III, अनुबंध संख्या 7]

जो राज्य विशेष रूप से पीछे रह रहे हैं वे हैं :—आंध्र प्रदेश, असम, बिहार, जम्मू और काश्मीर, कर्नाटक, मध्य प्रदेश, उड़ीसा, राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश और पश्चिमी बंगाल।

6-14 आयु वर्ग के बच्चों की प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा को व्यापक बनाने का कार्य इस समय तैयार की जा रही नई योजना के तीन सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता वाले कार्यक्रमों में से एक है।

अब खण्ड स्तरीय योजनाओं के आधार पर विस्तृत राज्य योजनाओं को अन्तिम रूप देने के प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं। प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा को व्यापक बनाने का लक्ष्य प्राप्त होने की सम्भाव्य समयावधि वर्तमान प्रयोग पूरे हो जाने के बाद ही मालूम हो सकेगी।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SMT. RENUKA DEVI BARAKATKI): (a) to (c) Education is primarily a State subject. A Statement showing the progress of enrolment of children in classes I—VIII is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (See Appendix C-III, Annexure No. 7].

The States which are markedly lagging behind are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Universalisation of elementary education for 6—14 age-group children constitutes one of the three top priority programmes under the new plan, which is at present under formulation. Efforts are now being made to finalise the detailed State plans on the basis of block level plans. A feasible time period within which the goal of universal elementary education will be achieved will be known after the present exercises are over.]

Pricing Policy of DDA Flats in Delhi

*74. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN:
SHRI C. P. MAJHI:
SHRI SRIMAN PRAFULLA GOSWAMI:
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HABILITATION be pleased to refer HABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 224 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1977 and state: