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received from Government of Orissa, 38,50,068 boys and 30,80,773 girls in the age group of 6-14 are enrolled as on 30.6.2003 in schools and EGS centres in Orissa.

The gross enrolment ratio for boys and girls in Orissa at primary level is 107.00% and 102.28% respectively. The dropout rate for boys and girls at primary level in Orissa is 30.75% and 33.96% respectively.

The Government of India and Government of Orissa in partnership, are implementing the SSA programme for Universalization of Elementary Education in the State. The SSA programme in Orissa currently includes special interventions to promote girls enrolment through the opening of 14311 Education Guarantee Centres, 9114 Alternative and Innovative Education Centres, bridge courses for mainstreaming of out-of-school girl children, special camps for girls in the 9-14 age group and for girls of migrating families, free textbooks for girls and separate toilets for girls in schools. In addition, the State Government is running an enrolment campaign called "School Chala Abhiyan" this year.

Technical Education Quality and Improvement Programme

*284. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are implementing a Technical Education Quality and Improvement Programme (TEQIP) with the help of some international agencies; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India (TEQIP) has been conceived with an objective to upscale and support ongoing efforts of the Government to improve quality of technical education and enhance existing capacities of the institutions to become dynamic, demand-driven, quality conscious, efficient and forward looking, responsive to rapid economic and technological developments occurring both at national and international levels.

For implementing the above Programme, the International Development Association (World Bank) have agreed to provide credit of approximately Rs. 1250 crore during the Tenth Plan period. The Programme has been declared effective with effect from 12th March, 2003.

The main components of the Programme are (i) Institutional Development comprising of (a) promotion of academic excellence (b) networking of institution for quality enhancement and resource sharing (c) enhancing quality and reach of services to community and economy, and (ii) System Management Capacity Improvement comprising of conduct of research studies and development of human resource concerned with technical education at Central, State and institutional levels.

Initially, in the first cycle six States namely Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are participating in the Programme. Other States would participate in subsequent cycles.

Foot and mouth disease eradication project

*285. SHRI RAM MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from Andhra Pradesh Government has been received to include Mahboob Nagar and Nizamabad districts in the National Programme for Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Project;

(b) if so, when such a request was received; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) to (c) A request from Government of Andhra Pradesh was received on 02.07.2003 to include Mahboob Nagar and Nizamabad districts in the National Programme for Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Project. During 10th Plan the Central Government is implementing a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on "Livestock Health and Disease Control" having the components, namely, "Assistance to States Control of Animal