

LOK SABHA DEBATES

LOK SABHA

Monday, March 5, 1973/Phalgun 14,
1894 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Member Sworn

Shri C. H. Mohamed Koya (Manjeri).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Programme for Universal Primary Education during Fifth Plan

+

*181. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to go ahead with its programme to provide universal primary education for the age group 6—11 by 1975-76 and for the age group 11—14 by 1980-81, despite Rs. 950 crore put in the allocation for education in the Fifth Plan;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry have prepared a blue print for this sector in the Plan; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the blue print?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI

3610 L.S.—2

D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

Government attach the greatest importance to the provision of universal primary education. Accordingly the Government of India have assisted State Governments in the field of primary education on hundred per cent basis by providing 60,000 primary school teachers during 1971-72 and 1972-73. An additional 30,000 teachers are expected to be provided in 1973-74. The likely enrolment at the end of the Fourth Plan is expected to be 88 per cent for the age group 6—11. Elementary education has been included in the minimum needs programme of the Fifth Plan. With the provision of 90,000 additional teachers by the end of the Fourth Plan and the high priority given in the Fifth Plan to elementary education, it is hoped to make every effort to achieve hundred per cent coverage for the age group 6—11 in the first half of the Fifth Plan itself.

As regards age group 11—14, it is proposed to cover 75 per cent of the age group by the end of the Fifth Plan.

The Planning Commission has set up a Working Group on Elementary Education for assisting the States and UTs to work out a plan for elementary education keeping these targets in view and within the amount of Rs. 1,030 crores envisaged for this sector.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: The statement of the hon. Minister has given no answer to my question put here. My question was:

“Whether Government have decided to go ahead with its pro-