whether the Government is willing to inquire into this.

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: This is too general a thing for anything to be said. If there is any specific instance, we shall certainly inquire into that.

श्री आर. एन. राकेश: क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की वृत्पा करोंगे कि जो आबंटन उन्होंने किया है उस में श्रेड्यूल्ड कास्ट और शेड्यूल्ड ट्रइब्ज के एम्पलाईज का एवरेज क्या है ?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: I will require notice for this.

श्री लालजी भाई: मंत्री महोदय ने आंकड़ें नहीं बताए हैंं। मैंं जानना चाहता हूं कि ही.ही.ए. ने जां फ्लंट एलाट किए हैंं उन की प्रति वर्ष संख्या क्या हैं ? वर्षवार आंकड़ें बताएं जिस से मालूम पड़े कि डी.ही.ए. वास्तव में फ्लंट दे रहा हैं या मेंटीरियल की या ऑर किसी तरह की उलभन की वजह से उस की संख्या घट रही हैं ? वर्षवार संख्या धताएंगे तो उस से वह घटती हुई या बहती हुई नजर आएगी।

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : वर्षवार तां मंरे पास इत्तिला नहीं हैं। नोटिस देंगे तो बता दूंगा। लेकिन इतना बता दूं, सवाल यह था कि जब से छी. डी. ए. शुरू हुआ है तब से कितने मकानात बनाए गए हैं, वह तफसील हमने दे दी हैं, लेकिन कुछ नयी स्कीम को इंट्रोइ्यूस किया गया हैं जिस के मातहत मकानात बनाने की रफ्तार कई गुना बढ़ गई हैं। . . . (अवधान)

श्री सालजी भाई: रफ्तार का पता तब चलेगा बब कि वर्धवार आंकड़े बताएंगे। जब तक वर्धवार आंकड़े नहीं बताएंगे तब तक प्रगति मालूम नहीं पड़ेगी। श्री विकस्पर बक्त : मैं अभी बता रहा हूं। असम में माननीय सदस्य को पेरॉस नहीं हैं, वह पूरा जवाब सुनना नहीं चाहते।

जो पुराना तरीका था और जो रफ्तार थी उस के अंन्यर फर्क पेंदा होने में थोड़ा वक्त लगना था। टेम्पो अब पकड़ रहा हैं, तो अब हम तकरीबन 15 साँ मकान हर महीने रिलीज करोंगे। 79-80 संसाल भर में 20 हजार मकान बनाने का हमारा प्रोग्राम हैं।

Availability and Requirements of Teesta Water

*185. SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the monthly average discharge available in cusecs from the Teesta river in West Bengal near B.G. Railway bridge;
- (b) what is the monthly average requirement of Teesta water in cusecs for irrigation purposes in North Bengal districts as suggested in the Project report on Teesta Barrage under construction; and
- (c) how many cusecs of Teesta water are demanded by Bangladesh during dry season?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-TURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Month			Average availabili- ty	Require- ments of India in ultimate Stage without storage	Require- ments of Stage I of the In- dian Teesta project (under construc- tion)	desh pro-
				(CUSECS)		
June	•		36039	17672	11126	6610
July			47090	15600	10100	7400
August			49554	15600	10100	7400
September	•		38321	16686	10743	7400
October .	•		23454	18521	10968	8085
November.	•		11592	8494	5032	7930
December	•	•	7339	4594	2723	3580
January .		•	5885	4594	2723	3655
February .	•		5259	4933	2924	3755
March			6314	5102	3022	5260
April			8453	6854	4059	6135
May.			15872	9025	5359	6935

SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state as to how many acres of land in West Bengal will be irrigated as a result of the completion of the first phase of Teesta Projects?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: In the first phase, 13.5 lakh acres of land will be irrigated.

SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: The hon. Minister has given figures for the full 12 months. If it is so, whether it is a fact that the figures given for the 5 lean months are correct? Whether availability of water from Teesta river will be sufficient for irrigation purposes in the State?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: There are lean months and in these lean months, the availability of water is low from Teesta river. But we are trying to give the maximum possible water.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: It has been admitted in the reply of the hon. Minister that the reliable data is not available. But a data regarding the requirement of water by India and Bangladesh is available. If you kindly study this, you will find the availability of water in lean months. The total availability of water from Teesta river is 11,573 cusecs only in February and March lean months. The total requirements of water by India

is 9035 cusecs and by Bangladesh also about 9000 cusecs. Whether the hon. Minister kindly state what is the latest position of Indo-Bangladesh Governments agreement regarding distribution of Teesta river water? Whether the Teesta Mahananda Irrigation project is only for monsoon months alone?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: Many questions have been integrated in his supplementary. Anyway I will answer the question. The average availability of water in the lean months, that is, January and February, is 5885 cusecs and 5259 cusecs respectively. According to that, the requirement of India after the completion of First Stage, will be 2723 cusecs in January and 2924 cusecs in February. But no agreement with Bangladesh on the sharing of water has been reached so far.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: I have asked what is the latest position of Indo-Bangladesh agreement.

MR. SPEAKER: He has said that no agreement has been arrived at.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Dr. K. L. Rao, one of the ablest Engineers, had prepared a master plan for Teesta River project, which was being contemplated and which had reached certain stage also. Will the hon. Minister kindly enlighten us as to what extent that Master Plan has been taken into consideration and what is the proposal of the Government at present?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: I require notice for this.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: I want one clarification, when he says that he will require notice. I just want to be enlightened . . .

MR. SPEAKER: He has sufficiently enlightened. I do not know whether anybody would be able to enlighten more than this.

Free and Compulsory Education

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*186. SHRI A. R. BADRI NARAYAN: SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

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

- (a) whether the Centre has suggested for provision of free and compulsory education to children up to 14 years during the International Year of the Child; and
- (b) if so, how many States have taken steps in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER):

(a) Yes, Sir. The National Plan of Action for International Year of the Child 1979 has recommended that from 1979 free education should be provided at least up to class VIII for all children.

There are Compulsory Elementary Education Acts in 16 States and 3 Union Territories.

(b) In fulfilling the Constitutional directive relating to the universalising elementary education, education is already free in classes I—V for all children in Government schools and schools run by local bodies in all parts of the country. It is also free in classes VI—VIII in all States except Orissa, U.P. and West Bengal where Boys' education is still not free.

SHRI A. R. BADRI NARAYAN: Sir, in the year 1950, a solemn assurance was given that within 10 years, there would be free and compulsory education to all school-going children. In the year 1979, we find that 2/3 of the child population between age-group of 11 and 13 are still out of school and between age-group of 6 and 10 are without education. Between the age of 10 and 14 they have gone for work as small labourers and the total number of child workers to-day is to the extent of 10.7 millions. Even after