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## Compulsory primary education under study

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Mr. Abdul Baten Deputy Minister for Education told the Parliament on Thursday that introduction of compulsory primary education under the second five-year plan was under government consideration. If the plan was implemented a number of primary schools in the country were expected to be further increased.

He was replying to a question by Moulana Nurunabi Samdani during question hour.

In reply to a separate question by Miah Mohammad Manjilur Rahman the Deputy Minister informed the House that 36,155 primary schools were gradually brought under government control from July 1, 1978 and the total number of teachers in those primary schools were 1,55,023, and they were getting facilities as government employees.

Replying to another question by Mr. Surajit Sengupta (JEP) the Deputy Minister informed the House that 496 primary schools were taken under government control during Martial Law Administration.