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The long-cherished policy goal of universalisation of elementary schooling now seems within reach due to the promulgation of the Right to Education Act (RTEA). Universality, however, does not necessarily mean equality. Why that is can be examined in terms of major impediments embedded in the system of education itself. Structurally maintained relations between primary, secondary and higher education constitute one set of impediments. Another significant obstacle facing RTEA underlies the nature of the post-welfare state and its expectations from education.

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