

reach 60,000 centres all over the country.

(iv) Paidal Jathas covering 100—125 Districts covering 1000 Blocks is to be conducted during this year by the Banwasi Seva Ashram, Mirzapur.

(v) A Radio-based learning package to supplement, enrich and strengthen the print medium of instruction is being taken up in collaboration with AIR from October, 1990 to cover 4000 Adult Education Centres in eight States.

Funds for introducing vocational Education in Orissa

1. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government have urged for release of funds for introducing vocational education in 150 new schools, for promoting science education and for opening of new integrated schools; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Orissa Government has submitted a proposal for introducing vocational courses in 150 new schools during 1990-91. They have also submitted proposals under the Schemes of Improvement of Science Education in Schools and Integrated Education of Disabled Children for the year 1990-91. All these proposals need further clarifications and reformulation. Accordingly the State Government of Orissa has been asked to do the needful and submit their revised proposals.

Flight testing of Anti Tank Missile-NAG

2. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Scientists have successfully carried out the ballistic flights of the country's first third generation anti-tank missile known as 'NAG';

(b) whether this weapon in the Indian Defence Forces is going to prove a deterrent to the missiles possessed by other countries; and

(c) whether it has the semblance of French acquired Milan Anti-Tank Missiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. NAG missile compares favourably with contemporary anti-tank missiles in service or in development elsewhere. It will also be able to defeat all the known tank armours.

(c) No, Sir. It has no semblance with Milan missile, of French origin, under licensed production in India. Milan is a wire guided 2nd generation Anti-tank Missile whereas NAG is a 3rd generation, top attack, missile.

New specie of horseshoe crab detected by Scientists of Indian Institute of Oceanography

3. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scientists of the National Institute of Oceanography have detected a new specie of horseshoe crab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote its growth?