

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The State Governments of the six States, viz. Rajasthan, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa have joined hands with the various Departments of the Central Government in making Satellite Instructional Television Experiment a success. Every State Government has set up an Educational Technology Cell and their primary job is to follow up the impact of morning programmes for primary school children. The State Governments have been issuing special leaflets on agricultural programmes. The State officials have been visiting some selected utilisation villages to conduct group discussions. The State Family Planning Bureaus of the States have also been organising necessary extension education to take advantage of the impact of SITE programmes in the cluster villages. There is a close coordination between the various agencies in the State Governments and the Central Government and necessary guidelines are issued to all concerned.

Machinery devised for Implementation of 20-Point Programme at State, District, and Block Levels

2796 **SHRI B. V. NAIK:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has devised any machinery for implementation and overall supervision of the 20-point programme at State, district and block levels in the country;

(b) if so, the nature of this machinery, and

(c) whether the M.Ps and M.LAs coming from the respective districts and blocks will be associated with the above cited machinery and if so, in what capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) to (c). Constituents of the 20 Point Economic Programme, specially those which require financial investment, are integral parts of the Annual Plans of States and Union Territories. Government of India keeps in close touch with these programmes and monitors their implementation along with that of the Annual Plans.

The State and Union Territory Governments who are primarily responsible for this programme have set up committees at the State and District/Taluka levels to oversee implementation. Many MP's and MLAs have been associated with these committees.

Indian Space Satellite Aryabhatta

2797. **SHRI B. V. NAIK:**
SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN
SHRI S. C. SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the probable time within which the Indian Space Satellite Aryabhatta will disintegrate;

(b) whether it is proposed to put another satellite in the mean time; and

(c) the period within which the indigenous rockets will put home-made satellites in space?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) it is extremely difficult to make any accurate prediction but the satellite will very probably stay in orbit for 8-9 years before it is disintegrated.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) By the end of 1973.