

(b) if so, the details together with the results thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 'NAG' Anti Tank Missile (ATM) has been flight tested on 7th & 8th Feb.'90 from Interim Test Range. The flight tests so conducted were ballistic in nature. A number of sub systems have been proved. The missile being developed is a third generation Anti Tank Missile with 'top attack' & 'fire and forget' capabilities. The missile is more advanced than any of the anti-tank missiles deployed now and compares favourably with those under development in some industrially advanced countries.

Missionary Schools

945. SHRI J.P. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of missionary schools are operating in the country;

(b) if so, the policy of Government in this regard; so that these schools work within the policies of the Government keeping in view the national interests;

(c) whether any guidelines in this regard have been issued by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). By virtue of Article 30 (1) of the Constitution, the minorities whether based on religion or language, have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. In order to have a demand for admissions, all schools includ-

ing those run by religious minorities or Missionaries, require recognition by the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration. All the schools without exception sending up students for Board examinations also require affiliation to the concerned State Board of Secondary Education or the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) or the Council for the Indian Schools Certificate Examination (CBSE), as the case may be. In order to qualify for recognition by the concerned State Government or Union Territory Administration, all schools, irrespective of whether they are Missionary schools or not, have to conform to certain basic conditions of administrative discipline. Similarly, through the system of affiliation, the State Boards and CBSE or CISCE regulate quality and standard of education imparted in the schools, including Missionary Schools affiliated to them.

Research and Development in Various Fields

946. SHRI MAHENDARA SINGH MEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether within the current thrust for modernisation of various sectors there is any strategic Research and Development Plan in the areas of Oilseeds production and extraction, Post harvest processing and packaging of food items, Thermal and Solar Power, Small Scale Industries Surface Transportation and informatics;

(b) if so, the progress made in implementing these plans, in both public and private sectors; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to overcome the technology gap for quality improvement, cost reduction and higher productivity, in the absence of necessary indigenous research and development support?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Central Investment in States/U.Ts

947. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central investment as on 31 December, 1989 in each State/Union Territory for the last three years; year-wise;

(b) the States where the percentage of Central investment has registered a steady growth; and

(c) the States, where the percentage has registered a decline during the last three years and the steps taken to enhance the per

capita investment in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (c). The Central Plan investment is made for the country as a whole keeping national priorities in view. These programmes/projects in most cases transcend the limits of the State boundaries. The fruits of these programmes/projects are also spread across regions. Data on overall Central Investment, State/Union Territory-wise are not available. However, information on percentage of investment in terms of gross block in different States in Central Public Sector Enterprises is available upto 31.3.1989. Table 1.28 in Volume I of Public Enterprises Survey 1988-89 published by the Bureau of Public Enterprises is given in the Statement enclosed.