

1	2	3
	Mehe	27.0
	Yanam	46.9
32.	<i>LAKSHADWEEP</i>	21.4

Note: Data are provisional.

### **New Schemes under National Savings Scheme**

1136. SHRIMATI MANEMMA ANJIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes have been launched this year under the National Savings Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). A new scheme, namely Kisan Vikas Patra has been launched from 1.4.1988. Under this scheme, the Patras are issued in denominations of Rs. 1000, Rs. 5000 and Rs. 10,000. Amount invested in the patra doubles in 5 years and 6 months. Premature encashment is allowed any time after 2 years and 6 months with benefit of progressively higher rates of interest for longer durations. The patras can be purchased from departmental post offices by individuals and specified institutions directly or through small savings agents. There is no ceiling on investment in these Patras. No income tax concession is available for investment in Kisan Vikas Patra.

### **Railway Stations between Jaunpur and Aurihar**

1137. SHRI RAMSAMUJHAWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway stations between Jaunpur and Aurihar, have been converted into flag stations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to convert Karakat and some other railway stations on this route into full fledged stations alongwith additional lines in view of the need of the traffic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Four Block stations were converted into Flag stations in 1971.

(b) These were not operationally required. Hence, conversion was effected to achieve economy.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no operational justification for conversion of these stations into Block stations.

### **Bank Loans for Construction of Houses in Rural Areas**

1138. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: