Information Technology

a nation. Information is becoming the moving force of technology which, in its turn, is the prime mover of the various production systems. Thus, the information systems are gradually becoming the nerve-centres of societies and nations. Man is fast moving towards a form of civilization where information will become the main raw material, and a nation which lags behind in its mastery of the new technology will for ever remain at a disadvantage.

The choices for a developing country like Bangladesh are relatively limited. These countries have a largely illiterate population, most of whom exist at the bare edge of survival. However, the new technology can be a powerful tool for the spread of education.

Bangladesh, one of the least developed countries of the world, will have to set its priorities for national development in the light of these considerations. The more quickly we introduce computer education in our schools, spread computer literacy in the entire population and integrate the new technology into our production and management systems, the greater the chances of accelerating our socio-economic development process.

Computer Games

deed. Lemmings is a computer game which requires a very good mix of skill and intelligence, has excellent graphic images and overall is great fun. Carmen Sandiego will serve very good in teaching children geography as they hunt around the world for clues to get hold of dangerous criminals. Many of these games will only function on VGA graphics.

3. Adventure/Mystery games: Adventure and mystery games are the ones in which the player passes through different stages with a definite end and an ultimate goal. These games are like computerized story boards where the player is a participant and must weave his or her way around monsters, traps, robots, vampires, etc depending on what game he or she is playing.

The first adventure game which I got hold of was Police Quest. This game was very much like an episode of a cop TV series like Kojak or Miami Vice. This challenging game required a mixture of both skill and intelligence and I found it very entertaining. Then came Space Quest and several episodes of King's Quest. But perhaps no other adventure game is as much fun or as well known as Prince of Persia. This superb game is my all-time favorite. The sequel to the game, Prince of Persia 2 is even better.

There are some adventure games which will only work on very speedy machines (386 and 486), require a lot of RAM (4 to 16 megabytes), plenty of hard disk space and SVGA graphics.

4. Simulators: These type of computer games simulate real-life situations through three-dimensional computer graphics so that you get a feel of actual participation. Most common simulators place you at the helms of airplanes, helicopters, tanks, warships, racing cars, submarines etc. Then you have to properly manoeuvre whatever craft you are operating. In most simulation programmes you are in charge of military equipment and you have to fight enemies.
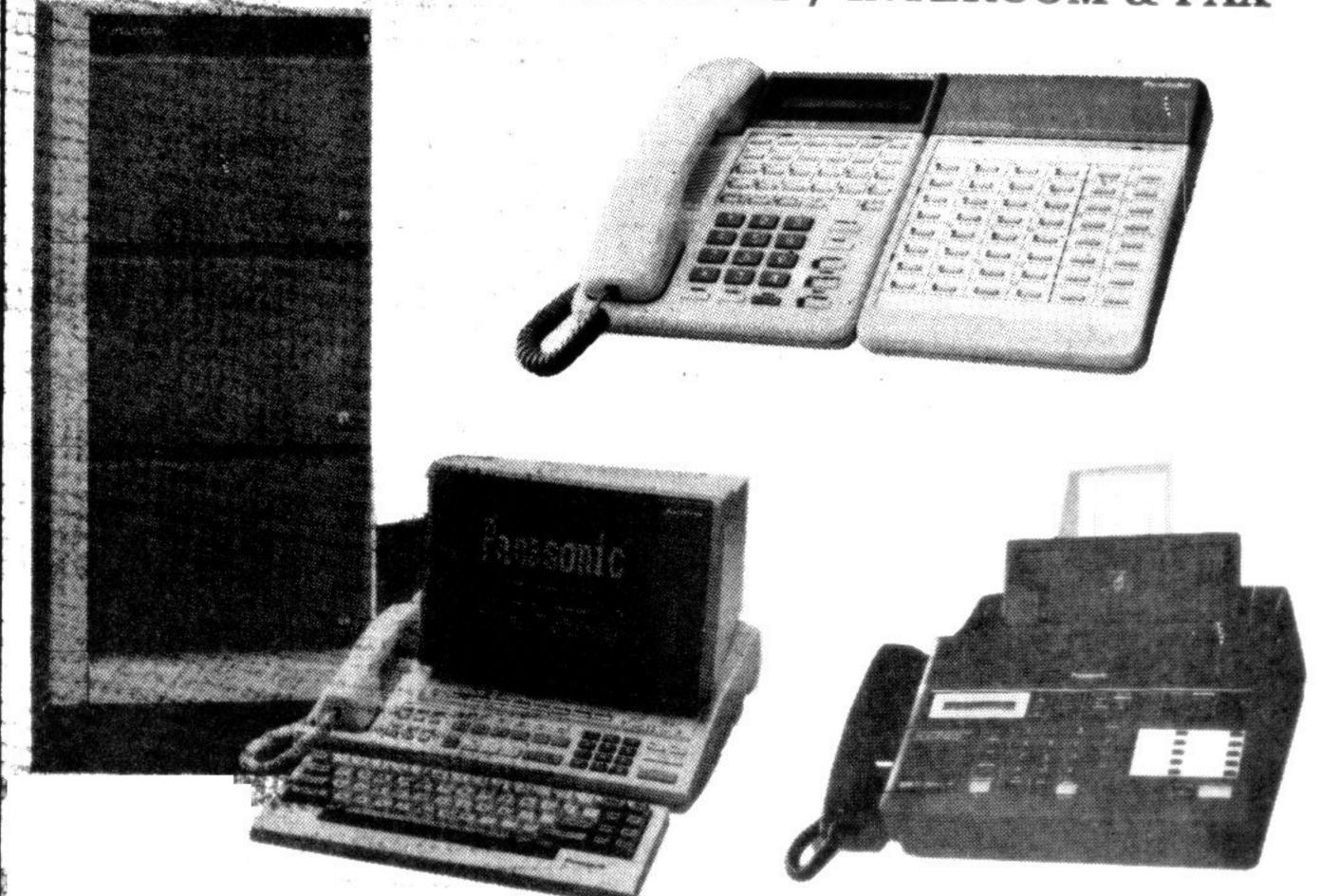
After all this big talk one can come up with the question: 'Where do I get all this?' Well the easiest sources are friends, relatives, and computer vendors. But whatever you do,don't let that computer sit on that desk doing nothing all day. When there is nothing else to do, go ahead, play games and have a good time.