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(b) if so, whether they are operating satisfactorily ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The telecommunication links with both wings of Pakistan have been restored (from 1-11-67);

(b) The performance is reasonably satisfactory.

REJECTION OF NOMINATION PAPERS IN J. & K.

*330. SHRI GULAM MOHAMMAD BAKSHI : Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nomination papers of 141 persons were rejected at the time of General Elections in Jammu & Kashmir; and

(b) if so, on what grounds these nomination papers were rejected ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW (SHRI GOVINDA MENON) : (a) The number of candidates whose nomination papers were rejected was 140 and not 141.

(b) The grounds, on which the nomination papers were rejected, were :—

- (i) Oath of allegiance to the Constitution not made and subscribed before the authorised officer;
- (ii) certified copy of the relevant entry in the electoral roll or a proper copy of the relevant part of the electoral roll not produced before the Returning Officer;
- (iii) failure to make the security deposit;
- (iv) subsisting contract with the State Government;
- (v) holding office of profit under the State Government;
- (vi) nomination paper not duly signed by proposer or candidate; and
- (vii) candidate less than 25 years of age.

EFFECTS OF VANASPATI GHEE

2071. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay on the Table a copy of the Report on the effects of Vanaspati prepared by the Izatnagar (Bareilly) Government Laboratory in October, 1965 on rats and details of the experiments carried out on rats and state :

(a) the details of the information which Government have on the injurious effects of Vanaspati on human health; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : No report on the effects of Vanaspati on rats has been prepared by the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar in October, 1965. However, that Institute had prepared a report entitled "Studies in Fats, Oils and Vanaspatis" in 1950, which is a priced publication, having been published by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research in 1956. A copy of the report has been made available to the Parliament Library.

(a) The researches reported in the above publication were carried out at the Izatnagar Laboratory during 1944-50; and, as the conclusions reached were contrary to the existing knowledge in this regard, systematic researches were initiated by the Government, on a collaborative basis, in a number of national laboratories, including the Izatnagar laboratory itself, to assess the correctness or otherwise of those conclusions. These researches showed that vanaspati with melting point of 37°C has no deleterious effect as compared to raw or refined groundnut oil.

Subsequent researches carried out at the Nutrition Research Laboratories, Hyderabad, under the auspices of the Indian Council of Medical Research, have shown that excessive consumption of fats rich in saturated fatty acids like vanaspati, butter, ghee and coconut oil,