

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): Under the statutory notification issued by the Election Commission under sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, a candidate who does not belong to a recognised political party can only be allotted a free symbol, and this allotment takes place on the date on which the list of contesting candidates is drawn up by the returning officer under section 38 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

UNUTILISED UNDERGROUND WATER

706 SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent UNESCO study which disclosed that almost one million cubic miles of underground water, located in the upper half mile of the earth's surface, lies unutilised; and

(b) if so, whether our hydrologists have made any survey or devised ways to tap this source?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) Yes, the UNESCO' finding is a generalised statement for the top half mile of the land surface of earth's crust. It is a fact that taking the earth as a whole only a small part of this large underground water resources is being put to use.

(b) The underground water resources in India are being surveyed and potentialities of utilisation are being assessed. Some headway has been made in estimation of reserves of ground-water in most of the area having potentialities of development of this resource.

INTRODUCTION OF COMPUTERS IN I.A.C.

707. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation propose to introduce computers for their engineering and accounts departments; and

(b) if so, whether introduction of these computers is likely to result in the retrenchment of persons?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) The Indian Airlines Corporation are introducing an IBM computer in their Accounts Department but there is no immediate proposal for introducing the same in the Engineering Department.

(b) No, Sir.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT DMS

708. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any machinery in the Delhi Milk Scheme to attend to complaints received from the public;

(b) if so, how many complaints were received by the Delhi Milk Scheme during September-October, 1966 regarding faulty distribution of milk and milk products; and

(c) whether any survey has been made to assess the causes for the shortcomings in the system of distribution?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHLB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. A complaint Cell has been set up in the Delhi Milk Scheme to receive