

Protest against Hockey Selector

*6. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some senior International Hockey Players have protested against the behaviour of one of the Hockey Selectors;

(b) if so, the names of such players;

(c) whether Government of India have gone into the details as to why such type of incident has occurred; and

(d) the criteria adopted while selecting the players for World Hockey Cup?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) S/Shri Baldev Singh, Surjit Singh and Varinder Singh.

(c) Government has not gone into the details of the incident which falls entirely within the jurisdiction of the Indian Hockey Federation.

(d) It is understood that the Indian Hockey Federation who are responsible for the selection of players, made the selection on the basis of individual performance, team-play, discipline, general conduct etc.

Delay in Announcement of Sugar Policy

*7. DR. HENRY AUSTIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether delay in announcing the sugar policy has damaged the sugar which was kept for export; and

(b) whether the delay in framing the sugar policy has greatly affected sugar industry and the growers to a large extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Crushing normally begins after the middle of November and in many States even from the first week of December. Moreover, the stocks of 1976-77 sugar year will last till about the end of December for distribution, while the price policy for levy sugar of 1977-78 sugar year will be available only or releases from this year's production from about January, 1978. The Government have already announced the major features of the sugarcane and sugar pricing policy for 1977-78 sugar year.

तिलहनों के बारे में अनुसन्धान

*8. श्री बख्शदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तिलहनों और दालों के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिये ऐसे बीजों का विकास करने के लिये अनुसंधान किया जा रहा है जो अपेक्षा कृत कम समय में अधिक उपज देंगे ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इन बीजों के बाजार में कब तक उपलब्ध होने की सम्भावना है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ, श्रीमान् । प्रखिल भारतीय समन्वित तिलहन सुधार प्रायोजन के अधीन कुछ प्रमुख तिलहन फसलों में न्यून प्रवधि वाली नयी किस्मों