

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS**

**Inquiry into Defeat of Indian Hockey
Team**

*365. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Hockey team has been routed in the Test Series between India and Pakistan played recently; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the reasons for defeat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN): (a) The result of the recent Hockey Test Series between India and Pakistan was 1 to 3 and therefore it is not correct to say the Indian Hockey Team was routed.

(b) No, Sir. The responsibility for the selection and preparation of the team rests entirely with the Indian Hockey Federation which is an autonomous and independent body.

**Use of Small Power Tillers for Paddy
cultivation**

*366. SHRI G. S. REDDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the use of small power tillers in paddy cultivation; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to popularise their use?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have already taken the following steps:—

1. With a view to reducing their cost,

(i) the excise duty leviable on fully built power tillers has been abolished and the State Governments have been requested to exempt them from the State Sales Tax.

(ii) a number of components used in their production has been standardised and efforts are on to standardise additional components.

(iii) research efforts have been initiated to develop a less costly Power Tiller.

2. Medium term credit facility is available to members of primary agricultural credit societies for purchase of power tillers without having to mortgage their land.

3. Various governmental and other agencies are promoting their use through demonstrations/custom-hiring.

Text Books

*367. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH SAYIANWALA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has advised the State Governments on the matter of bringing out text-books taking into account the different socio-economic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the regions;

(b) if so, the reaction of the States in the matter; and

(c) whether any action in this regard has since been taken?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) In my inaugural address to the delegates of the Fifth