

(c) steps the Ministry of Railways have taken in the matter and reasons why the selected candidates could not be appointed in Railways when a large number of posts are vacant ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) As some irregularities were reported; the entire matter is being gone into.

Payment of Productivity Linked Bonus to Workers of Government Medical Store Depot, Madras

10349. **SHRI K.B.S. MANI :**
SHRI THAZHAI M. KARUNANITHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what action Government have taken on the payment of productivity linked bonus to the workers of Government Medical Stores Depots, particularly to Madras Depot ;

(b) how long this issue is pending finalization at Government level ; and

(c) when this will be finalised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The matter regarding payment of productivity linked bonus to workers of Government Medical Store Depots including that of Madras Depot is under consideration for the last few years.

(c) It is difficult at this stage to assess the precise time by which it can be finalised.

Weekly Rest for Assistant Station Masters and Section Controllers

10350. **SHRI A. K. ROY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Board took decision in the safety meetings held on 9 February, 1979 and 26 February, 1969 regarding manning of panel Board by the category of Assistant Station Masters only ;

(b) if so, the details of implementation of this decision in Eastern Railways particularly in Asansol Division ;

(c) whether there is any disparity regarding the provision of weekly rest to Assistant Station Masters and Section Controllers performing Intensive Roster duty ; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) As a result of the discussions held in the Meeting of the Minister of Railways with Chief Safety Superintendents held on 5/6.2. 1979 and in the Meeting of the Chief Safety Superintendents held on 14/15-9-1979, instructions were issued to the Railways that Switchmen should not be allowed to operate the panels.

(b) There are 18 Switchmen operating panels throughout Eastern Railway and 6 of them are on Asansol Division. Action has already been initiated by Eastern Railway to replace the Switchmen by Assistant Station Masters.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-Issuance of Medicines from C.G.H.S. Dispensaries

10351. **SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that particular brand of medicines prescribed by specialists/hospitals are generally not supplied to the Central Government employees by CGHS dispensaries but instead they are given some other medicines, if so, what are the reasons for the same :