

had succeeded in the control of 'population' and 'leprosy' for which he was given the award of one lakh rupees; and

(b) if not, what is the justification for the award particularly when his claims have been questioned and disputed by the Bombay group of scientists :

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has reported that it cannot be stated that Professor G.P. Talwar, Professor of Biochemistry, has succeeded in developing the anti-leprosy vaccine and anti-pregnancy vaccine as it takes several years of laboratory and field research for indicating the lead and subsequent clinical evaluation. The work is still in progress. The award of Rs. 1 lakh was given to him for his basic work on "Mechanism of action of Hormones in Reproductive Immunology and Immunology of Leprosy."

(b) As already stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 9039 on the 28th April 1983, his work has not been disputed or adversely commented upon in any scientific journal either within or outside the country. It is not possible to state the reasons for justifying the award as the same was given by a private Charitable Trust.

**Demand Of Productivity Linked Bonus  
By Workers' Union, Government  
Medical Store Depot, Madras**

3969. SHRI K.B.S. MANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Medical Store Depot workers' Union, Madras has demanded the payment of interimpayment of productivity linked bonus, to the employees of Government Medical Store Depot, Madras, like Railways and P.&T.;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Department and when interim payment will be made to them;

(c) how long it will be taken to finalise the main issue of payment of productivity linked bonus to Madras Depot Workers; and

(d) on what basis the productivity linked bonus is being worked out ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) to (d) Yes. The matter is under active consideration of the government of India.

**Conversion Of Gondia-Jabalpur Line**

3970. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what action has so far been taken for the conversion of Gondia-Jabalpur narrow gauge line into broad gauge;

(b) what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) by what time it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) to (c) The survey completed in 1980 revealed that the proposed conversion was not financially viable; hence it was dropped. The Project was estimated to cost Rs. 60.30 crores at the then price level.

**Sate Lodges For Gatemen**

3971. SHRI E.K. IMBICHIBAVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gate Lodges are to be provided to each Gateman;

(b) What are the minimum facilities to be provided at the Gate Lodges :

(c) whether such Gate Lodges are to be treated as service buildings or residential quarters;