

## About Professor JS Bajaj



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Professor JS Bajaj is presently Member, Planning Commission, in the rank of Minister of State, Government of India. He is the first biomedical scientist ever to have been so appointed. He has been associated with the Department of Medicine at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, since 1960, and as Professor (and later the Head) of the Department since 1979. Presently, he is Member, Governing Body and the Chairman, Academic Committee, AIIMS. He is Honorary President of the International Diabetes Federation, Chairman of the South-East Asia Regional Association for Medical Education, and Immediate Past-President, National Academy of Medical Sciences. He has recently been nominated President,

National Board of Examinations, by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Professor Bajaj has been the recipient of many distinctions, awards and honours, national and international. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, London. He is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and of the National Academy of Medical Sciences. He is a Founder Fellow of the Indian College of Physicians. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was decorated with Padma Shri by President of India in 1981, and with the coveted Padma Bhushan in 1982. Indeed, he is the first Diabetologist and Endocrinologist of India to be so honoured.