

**Title : Regarding centennial Birth celebration and a commemorative postal stamp for social reformer Shri L. Elayaperumal-Laid.**

**DR. D. RAVIKUMAR (VILUPPURAM):** The Centenary of one of Tamil Nadu's famous Dalit leaders and social reformer Shri L. Elayaperumal (1924-2005) begins in June 2023. He was a three time member of Lok Sabha and chaired the first ever National Commission set up by the Union Government to inquire into the educational and economic condition of the untouchables. He toured all over the country, and submitted his report 'Untouchability: Economic and Educational Development of Schedule Castes' offering valuable recommendations for the uplift of the untouchables in 1969. This report was the major reasons for the enactment of The Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes ( Prevention of Atrocities) Act. After Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar, he was the only leader who travelled all over India to know sufferings of Dalits and gave his voice to solve them. I request the Union Government of India to recognise his invaluable service and celebrate his Centenary. The Union Government should issue a commemorative postal stamp bearing his image.