

**Red Fort, Delhi**

**908. Shri Sambandam:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the repairs of Red Fort, Delhi; and

(b) the amount spent for its repairs since 1952, year-wise?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) A statement showing the progress made in the repairs to the Red Fort, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 160.]

| (b) Year | Amount spent.                     |
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| 1952-53  | .. 25,833                         |
| 1953-54  | .. 16,761                         |
| 1954-55  | .. 10,289                         |
| 1955-56  | .. 11,578                         |
| 1956-57  | .. 28,260                         |
| 1957-58  | 2,000                             |
|          | Approximately<br>(upto Nov 1957). |

**Excavations at Kaveripoompattinam**

**909. Shri Sambandam:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the excavation work of Kaveripoompattinam in Mayuram taluk, Tanjore district, Madras State, has been commenced by the Department of Archaeology;

(b) if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the same is likely to be commenced?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) Only surface exploration, preparatory to excavations, was carried out at Kaveripoompattinam.

(b) Deep excavation work was not taken in hand as the results obtained from surface exploration were not favourable for undertaking such work on land and it is not practicable to excavate below the sea.

(c) Does not arise.

**Assistant Commissioners for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

**910. Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1408 on the 9th September, 1957 and state:

(a) how many vacancies of Assistant Commissioners were there when the Union Public Service Commission called for applications in July, 1957 and how many were advertised to be filled up

(b) whether any appointments were made before the selection by the Union Public Service Commission;

(c) if so, when and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to recruit to each State only those who know the regional language of that State and who belong either to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva):** (a) There were 8 vacancies out of which only 4 were advertised as efforts were being made to get suitable officers from the States for the remaining posts. The Union Public Service Commission have since been asked to recommend eight names instead of four.

(b) and (c) Yes Four such appointments were made, on the 15th April, 18th and 21st September and 21st November, 1957. Two of them were by deputation of officers from the States. The other two were of suitable non-officials and the appointments were on a temporary basis for a period of one year.

(d) and (e). Knowledge of more than one regional language and of one or two tribal dialects has been laid down as one of the desirable qualifications for these posts. The Union Public Service Commission have also been asked to give preference to