

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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INTERVIEW OF SUPERINTENDING ARCHAEOLOGISTS  
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**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Public Service Commission has conducted interviews for the post of Superintending Archaeologist in the Archaeological Survey of India through direct recruitment in the year 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether complaints have been received in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in view of the complaints received?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.  
(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A total of 263 applications were received by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) against the advertisement published on 26.06.2010 and the Commission conducted the interviews from 14th to 16th March, 2011 for 42 candidates who had been called for interview.

(c), (d) & (e): Initially 37 candidates had been shortlisted by the UPSC to be called for interview and five more candidates provisionally called for interview on the basis of the orders passed by different Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal against Petitions filed by the individual candidates, whose applications has been rejected by the UPSC. The CAT Benches have since dismissed the applications of four out of the above five candidates and the application filed by the remaining one candidate is pending final disposal in the CAT, Jabalpur Bench.