

- (b) whether backlog vacancies are notified and filled up every year;
- (c) the reasons, if any, for not following the procedure; and
- (d) if so, the details of backlog vacancies filled during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' vacancies are filled by Department of Personnel & Training on centralized basis. Instructions are being strictly followed for filling up clear vacancies of Group 'D' posts (which have been upgraded as Group 'C') as also of the specialized posts in Central Secretariat Library for which recruitment is done by Ministry of Culture.

- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No backlog vacancies have been filled during the last three years.

Protection of dilapidated monuments

970. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has earmarked the historical monuments listed by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) which are in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, State - wise details of these monuments;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to increase the life of these monuments; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken and funds allocated for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Conservation of Monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India is an ongoing process, so that none of the monuments can be categorised to be in a dilapidated condition. All monuments are, in turn, subjected to conservation work depending upon the need for such work and the total available resources.

For the current financial year an amount of Rs.131.25 Crore has been allocated for conservation, preservation and environmental development of the protected monuments.