

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding archeological excavation in Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu.

***SHRI S. VENKATESAN (MADURAI)** : Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. The recent archeological excavation conducted in Keezhadi by the Tamil Nadu Government has proved that the age of artefacts found in Keezhadi belonged to 6th Century BCE. Hon. Union Minister has also endorsed this revelation in Rajya Sabha yesterday. In this context, I urge upon the Union Government that Sangam Age of Tamil Civilization mentioned as 3rd Century BCE in the 6th Standard and 12th Standard textbooks of NCERT should be changed as 6th Century BCE in the textbooks meant for forthcoming academic year. Secondly, it should also be mentioned in the NCERT textbooks that the urban settlements were also formed on the banks of River Vaigai at the places wherever it is mentioned that the big urban settlements were formed on the banks of River Ganges. Thirdly, I urge upon the Government through this August House that it should be prominently mentioned in the NCERT textbooks the fact that the Urban Settlements or Cities thus formed on the banks of river Vaigai in Tamil Nadu were fully literate. Thank you.