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Title: Need to establish a temporary Rescue Centre for stray crocodiles attacking human and livestock in Cuddalore Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN (CUDDALORE): I would like to draw the attention of the Government on an important issue regarding establishment of temporary rescue centres for stray crocodiles in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

Stray crocodiles are found in large numbers in Kollidam River, Veeranam lake and its canals. Due to aggressive attacks of these stray crocodiles found in water bodies, there have been a number of incidents of loss of precious human lives and that of animals. In the early morning of 8th April at Velakudi in Cuddalore District, one native of Saliyanthope village, Chidambaram Taluk was attacked by a huge crocodile. His body has not been traced so far. People who witnessed the incident are still reeling under fear psychosis. There is an urgent need to control this crocodile menace. I have already submitted a proposal to establish immediately a Temporary Rescue Centre. I have written to the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The District Collector, Cuddalore has also taken up the matter with the authorities concerned. I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to set up immediately a Temporary Rescue Centre for stray crocodiles at Neyveli in my Cuddalore Constituency to protect the precious lives of both human and livestock.