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Title: Need to establish world class museum at Keezhadi in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI B. SENGUTTUUVAN (VELLORE): Thank you, Madam, for affording me this opportunity to speak on a matter of considerable importance to the Tamil people. There are two villages, namely, Pallisandhai Thidal and Keezhadi situated on the bank of Vaigai river in Sivagangai district of Tamil Nadu. The Archeological Survey of India has been conducting excavations in about 200 areas and they have undertaken excavations in two areas. About 3000 artifacts and other articles have been recovered from the excavated sites. They have been transported to Bengaluru instead of being kept in an onsite museum.

The person, who has been in charge of excavation, has been transferred all of a sudden and inexplicably. Therefore, there is a considerable delay in completing the excavation. I urge the Ministry of culture to immediately nominate another officer to do the work and expand the area of excavation and construct an on-site museum as directed by the Madras High Court. Thank you, Madam.