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Title:Need to retain Pollachi and Kinathukadavu Railway areas in Salem or Madurai Division of Tamil Nadu.

DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI): Sir, thank you very much.

I am speaking on behalf of Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam headed by Mr. Vaiko, leader of the world Tamils.

Sir, Pollachi is the headquarters of my constituency and named as Pollachi Constituency and Kinathukadavu is a part of it which is very nearby. These two areas of railway lines were originally with the Madurai Division of Southern Railway.

While forming the new Salem Division of Railway in the Southern Railway, they have picked up these two areas of my constituency and handed over and united with Olavakode Division of Palakad. This act of picking up my constituency areas and attaching them with other Division in Kerala was not informed to me neither was I consulted. This act is an act of insult to me as representative of the people and to the people of the area which has been handed over to Olavakode Division.[\[m41\]](#)

People of the area also are feeling as if they have been insulted. While I welcome the formation of Salem Division which has been a long-felt need and request of the people of that part of Tamil Nadu, but handing over my area to a Division in Kerala, is a discrimination shown and whoever shared that agreement on behalf of Tamil Nadu have betrayed my people and me as an active representative of that area.

Sir, some hon. Members of Parliament, unauthenticated, not belonging to my Party MDMK either, have signed the agreement which may not stand the test of time. There have been no precedents of this nature of agreement signed before by hon. Members of Parliament.

In the invitation card also my name was not included and I have filed a matter of privilege in the Lok Sabha Secretariat. I urge upon the Government to retain Pollachi and Kinathukadavu area either in Salem Division or as it was originally with Madurai Division of Indian Railways in Tamil Nadu. Thank you.