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Title: Issue regarding digging of uranium mining in Nallamalla forest area of Amrabad Mandal in Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency, Telangana.

SHRI RAMULU POTHUGANTI (NAGARKURNOOL): Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I am speaking for the first time during 'Zero Hour'.

Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak in the House today. This is a very serious issue in my constituency.

The Union Government has proposed to conduct a survey and digging of uranium mining in Nallamalla forest tiger reserve areas of Amrabad Mandal in Achampeta Assembly segment in my Nagarkurnool District, which is also in my Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency in Telangana State.

About 60,000 people are living in this area, including the Chenchu population which is about 10,000 in number and now they live in fear. Ancient temples and dams in and around the Nallamalla area will be most affected. Flora and fauna will be lost due to such mining. Environment and forest green cover will also be affected. The local people are agitating and observing strikes and *dharnas* irrespective of political affiliations for their rights and livelihood. Only a few tigers are living in Nallamalla forest area and we may lose all the tigers in the area in future due to mining of uranium.

Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Environment and Forest not to give any permission for the survey and for digging of uranium mining in

Nallamalla forest area of Amrabad Mandal in my Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency to protect the interests of the local people.

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