

## **Regarding issue related with human-animal conflict in Kerala and further amendment in the Forest (Conservation) Act**

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** Madam, the issue related with human-animal conflict is the main problem in Kerala as well as in my district Idukki. In my constituency alone, we share more than 350 kms border areas with forest.

One day before, one Adivasi man aged 48 years has been killed by a cruel elephant attack. It is the most unfortunate incident. It is the fourth incident this year and there are around hundred such incidents in the last 10 years. We are facing a crucial situation. It is the survival crisis of the poor people in my constituency.

In our Constitution, there is a Fundamental Right which guarantees 'Right to live with dignity'. But no Governments, not only the Central Government but also the State Government, are not at all concerned about the protection of the people. No Government is giving any protection. The Government of Kerala does not bother about it. They are not disbursing the compensation in time. This is a high time for further amendment in the Forest (Conservation) Act. That is my point.

Last time, there was an amendment eliminating the Schedule for vermin species. We objected, but the Government of India eliminated it. That has to be re-introduced. Also, we have to adopt the policies of the foreign countries. We have to adopt those policies to tackle this crisis. This is high time to introduce the control of birth rate policies. We have to adopt the policy of culling. We have to adopt the policy of birth rate control of the cruel animals whichever are entering the agricultural lands. So, we are demanding that we should get the right to kill the cruel animals whichever enter the farmers' land otherwise there is no remedy. People are not getting any protection. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to make further amendment in the Forest (Conservation) Act.

माननीय सभापति : अब मैं कुछ नए माननीय सदस्यों को एक-एक मिनट बोलने का मौका दे रही हूँ, जो अभी तक शून्य काल में नहीं बोले हैं ।

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