

## **Regarding human-animal conflict**

**SHRI SHREYAS M. PATEL (HASSAN):** Hon'ble Chairperson, madam, thank you for permitting me to speak during the zero hour. I wish to present before you and the House a serious problem faced by the people of my Hassan constituency.

Respected Chairperson, Madam, the conflict between the wild elephants and man in Hassan district in Malenadu region of Karnataka, has reached to its peak. In the district, the problem is so severe that during the last one decade more than 80 farmers have lost their lives, more than 55 elephants have been killed, hundreds of people have suffered with physical injuries. In such a situation many farmers of Alur, Belur and Sakaleshpura are finding it difficult to live peacefully. Moreover, there is constant increase in the number of elephants in this region, their number is around 120 now, it will become more complicated issue in future if we don't address the elephant menace now itself.

Respected Chairperson, in these days the wild elephants are entering into plantations of coffee, banana, paddy fields, areca nut gardens in villages like Alur, Belur, Chikkodi, Arehalli and on the roads also they are roaming. In Belur and Chikkodi areas the elephant menace is causing difficulty to school-college going children, who are straggling to commute.

Respected Chairperson, the daily wagers earning Rs 300-400 to meet their both ends, are also badly affected by the elephant menace.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON :** Thank you, hon. Member.

**SHRI SHREYAS M. PATEL:** Madam, I am concluding. ? (*Interruptions*)

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Hon. Member, Shri Kodikunnil Suresh ji