

Regarding wild boar menace in Tamil Nadu

SHRI DURAI VAIKO (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Sir, I have to raise an important issue which pertains to wild boar population and its impact on farming in Tamil Nadu. Almost 70 per cent of all districts in Tamil Nadu are infested with the huge wild boar population. Though our Tamil Nadu Government, under the able leadership of our Chief Minister, Shri M.K. Stalin, has enacted a legislation to mitigate this crisis, I am afraid the wild boar population has exploded and the Tamil Nadu Forest Department lacks infrastructure and resources to offer a complete remedy.

I bring to the attention of this House that the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has the sole authority to designate any wildlife species as vermin to enable its culling.

So, I appeal to the Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Union Government to designate wild boar as vermin in Tamil Nadu for their culling and removal from the non-forest areas.