

### **Regarding human-animal conflict**

**SHRI SHREYAS M. PATEL (HASSAN):** I need to highlight a pressing issue in my constituency, which needs urgent attention from the Forest Department. It is about the human and animal conflict. In just one month, four people have lost their lives in Arehalli and Bikkodu Hobli due to elephant attacks. The situation is out of control in Belur, Sakleshpur, and Alur taluks. Families are grieving; farmers are scared; and livelihoods are at risk. In the past 25 years, around 82 lives have been lost. The farmers no longer grow paddy; the coffee plantations are destroyed; and the workers lose their wages because they fear for their lives. The elephant population has now risen to around 80 in the region. Removing them from one restricted place is the only temporary relief. We need a permanent solution.

I urge the Ministry to create a dedicated elephant corridor grant for Sakleshpur and Alur taluks. An ideal habitat should be created so that elephants do not enter villages. Most importantly, I request a dedicated fund under NDRF for Hassan district to compensate families affected by elephant attacks. This is a crisis. The people of Hassan are tired of living in fear. We request an action. This is my humble request. Kindly ask the Forest Department to take an action.