## Regarding alleged sale of Forest land in Telangana and Karnataka

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH):** Madam, the Congress Governments in Telangana and Karnataka seem to have declared a war on the natural heritage, forests, and the environment of Telangana and Karnataka. In Hyderabad, 400 acres of forest land is being cleared overnight using JCBs and bulldozers at the behest of the real estate mafia in Hyderabad to sell the 400 acres forest land to build an IT park.

In Karnataka, under the pressure of the Congress leadership, more specifically the former MP of Wayanad and the present MP of Wayanad, the Karnataka Government is considering opening Bandipur forest for night traffic coming from Kerala, affecting the sensitive ecological forest area of Bandipur in Karnataka.

I urge, through you, Madam, the Central Government and the Minister of Environment and Forests to immediately take cognisance of this attack on the forest land in Telangana, in Hyderabad, and in Karnataka and prevent this destruction of our ecology.

## 14.54 hrs

At this stage, Shri Virendra Singh came and sat on the floor near the Table.