

Regarding addressing the issue of crop damage incidents by monkeys and wild animals

SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY (CHEVELLA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to draw the attention of the House to a serious and urgent problem of monkeys destroying the crops of farmers. It has become a nationwide problem. It is seriously affecting farmers in our district.

*Speaker Sir, the farmers are facing monkey menace in Vikarabad district and as a result, their crops are getting destroyed.

I urge the Government to designate a nodal Ministry. When I filed an RTI with the DFO, he said the Forest Department is not in charge of human habitations and agriculture crops. Our concern is that neither the Agriculture Department nor the Animal Husbandry Department is the nodal ministry.

I demand that a nodal ministry be designated to take responsibility of managing monkeys, vermin, wild boars and neelgais, to formulate national guidelines for mitigation, prevention and management, and to launch a dedicated national programme so that the farmers livelihood is not affected*.