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Title: Menace by wild elephants in the Bankura district of West Bengal.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Mr. Speaker Sir, the menace of wild elephants is going on in my District Bankura in West Bengal. The wild elephants are entering into my district from Dalma Hills, which is situated in Jharkhand. Sir, crops worth crores of rupees have been destroyed by these wild elephants. Even the huts belonging to poor people have been destroyed by these wild elephants.

The Government of West Bengal has been giving compensation to these people but it is difficult for a State Government to completely give compensation to them. So, I urge upon the Union Government to come out with a special financial assistance to the State of West Bengal. I also urge upon the Union Government to set up an *Abhai Aranna*, that is, a reserve forest in my district Bankura.