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Title:Need to withdraw the decision to extend the area of Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI): In my Pollachi Parliamentary Constituency, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu there is a wild life sanctuary called Indira Gandhi wild life sanctuary.

Apart from tigers, other animals including elephant are living in the sanctuary which is attracting a large number of tourists.

Along the borders and below in the plain areas Pollachi is known for coconut trees, paddy, ground nut and other cereals.

The farmers are also very comfortable with four water reservoirs i.e., Solayar Dam, Walayar Dam, Amaravathi Dam and Thirumoorthy Dam.

Recently, the Government has ordered an extension of another ten KM range for the wild life sanctuary which will affect two lakhs people living there and about fifty thousand acres of green fertile land will go waste.

I request the Government to withdraw the extension of the area of the wild life sanctuary with a view to protect the farmers and common people residing in the thickly populated areas near the sanctuary.

Further, proper fencing and protection along the area should be done along the area of wild life sanctuary.