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Title : Need to create a Wild Life Sanctuary at the Kodaikanal Forest and provide fencing at the border of Palani Hills to prevent menace of elephants in Palani Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Sir, my Parliamentary Constituency of Palani is situated at the end of Western Ghats. Moreover, my constituency is having large number of agriculturists. For the past six months, nearly 40 elephants have entered from Kerala forests in the Palani Taluk – Ayakudi and Balasamudram Town Panchayat area. From Ayakudi to Perumalpudur, the elephants damaged all kinds of agrarian products in 5000 acres and killed number of poor farmers and workers. We emphasized on the Forest Department, Tamil Nadu Government to take immediate necessary action but till date the menace of elephants is continuing. For want of drinking water only, the elephants are coming to Palar – Procunthalar Dam area in Palani. To solve the drinking water problem, number of small tanks should be constructed by the Forest Department in the Upper Forest Area.

If the elephants are continuously wandering in this area, it will affect the agricultural activities. To solve this issue permanently, Ministry of Environment and Forests must sanction a "WILD LIFE SANCTUARY" for the Kodaikanal Forest and the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy needs to take action for fencing through solar energy at the border of Palani Hills to prevent the elephants coming to Palani area.

I request the Hon'ble Minister to kindly do the needful to save the farmers and the public of my constituency.