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Title: Regarding monkey menace in MP Flats in North Avenue and South Avenue.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Madam, while we are for the protection and promotion of forest wealth including forest animals, we cannot afford to be silent spectators to the menace to which most of the MPs residing in south Avenue, New Delhi are subjected to in the continuous presence and persistent mischief of monkeys in big groups. Of late, it has become a perennial problem. I could cite numerous instances occurring in and around South Avenue because of monkeys. The monkeys come in a battalion everyday and cause indiscriminate damage to the trees, plants and the vegetation there. The overhead electrical wires and cables are also subject to breakage and damage by them. Many a time, when children with their eatables and other things come out of their quarters, they have to lose their belongings as they are snatched away by the monkeys. Then, very importantly, the monkeys are really a potential threat to the passers-by and the walkers on the road. When they walk along the road the monkeys tease them, obstruct them and mock at them, besides making stray attacks too. When the monkeys suddenly jump from the overhanging tree branches, persons walking along get a rude shock and get disturbed. In short, the monkeys straying there are really a big menace and nuisance.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you very much. You made your point. Please sit down.

SHRI P. KUMAR : Under these circumstances, may I appeal to the hon. Minister for Environment and Forests to take speedy and effective action to curb the menace of monkeys permanently, once and for all?