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Title: Need to protect the one horned rhino in Kaziranga National Park from poachers.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDO I): The unprecedented aggression by the poachers in killing of the endangered species, the one horned rhinos in Kaziranga National Park, Assam is alarming. It is claimed in a report that 115 rhinos were killed in Assam by poachers during the last ten years. In a written reply to my Unstarred question no. 2628 dated 10.12.12 Government reply confirmed that 14 rhinos were killed in 2009, 8 in 2010, 7 in 2011 and 13 in 2012. But the unofficial report claimed killing of rhinos is much more. The trend of recent killing of rhinos is an eye opener and shocking that four rhinos were killed by poachers in four days. Total death rose up to 14 during the month of January 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> week of February 2013.

It is not out of context to mention that two dozen horns were severed from rhinos brutally in Kaziranga National Park during October 27, 2010 to October 14, 2012.

In view of this, I urge upon the Central Govt. to bring a concrete plan to protect this endangered species, the pride of the nation.