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Title: Need to protect farmers from wild animal menace.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Madam, I would like to bring to your immediate kind attention regarding the following for consideration and favourable orders.

The Kannur parliamentary constituency consists of several hilly areas surrounded the vested forests of Kerala and Karnataka States in which thousands of agriculturists and private people are struggling to meet both their ends. Now-a-days, the normal life of the people in those areas are seriously affected because of the recurrent attacks of wild animals especially of elephants, wild boars, monkeys, etc. and these animals are attacking the people and destroying their crops and their huts of the Adivasis. Due to the recurrent attacks of wild animals, the people in those hilly areas are having sleepless nights and the local inhabitants as well as the local self governments are being seriously troubled. The implementation of the present prevailing laws is not sufficient to protect the life and property of the farmers residing in the hilly regions of Kannur District.

As per the provision of law, the hunting of wild animals is a serious offence even if the hunting is for protection of the lives and properties of the people. The inhabitants of many villages in Kannur are facing this serious issue. So, the dependents of peasants killed by the attack of wild animals are being paid only minimum amounts as compensation by the Forest Department and other government agencies. If adequate and sufficient compensations are not provided by statutes in such cases, the sad plight of the dependents cannot be protected. So also some provisions must be made in the statutes for the protection of the people and their properties residing in hilly areas, nearby areas of forests from the attack of wild animals, and the Act also be amended suitably.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri P.K. Biju, M.B. Rajesh and Adv. Joice George are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati P.K. Shreemati Teacher.