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Title: Need for formation of elephant proof drain and a solar power fence along the boundary belt of the railway track in Krishnagiri, Hosur forest division.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Sir, in my constituency Krishnagiri, Hosur forest division spreading around 1496.55 sq. km. forms 30 per cent of the total land area. There are about 100 to 125 elephants in this forest area. The affected areas, because of the movement of elephants from Udedurgam and Sanamaavu, are Jawalagiri and Rayakottai ranges. The elephant migratory path is lying between Salem-Bangalore railway lines because of which the elephants meet accidents regularly. On 30.03.2003 five elephants died due to a train accident between Rayakottai and Periyagathunai. The same thing happened on 04.02.2013 when two elephants died because of a passing passenger train at the same spot.

Sir, the District Forest Officer of the Hosur Division sent a proposal of Rs.1.10 crore to South Central Railway to build 300 m long and 5 m wide concrete platform to safeguard the crossing elephants but it is still pending with the authorities.

Sir, to safeguard the elephants, formation of elephant proof drain and a solar power fence along the boundary belt of the railway track is the only long term and permanent solution of the problem in Tamil Nadu as also all over India. Thank you, Sir.