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Title: Regarding rehabilitation of elephants and people living at the Bangladesh border.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ): Madam, my constituency Karimganj has a forest area namely, Pataria Range which is situated at zero point with Bangladesh border. A group of seven elephants move here and there for the last 15 years. Men and elephant have become a serious problem in that area. On 5th and 7th December, 2015, they attacked the villagers at Basantinagar and Kukital and destroyed six houses of the villagers. A few years ago some people had been killed by the attack of these elephants. Thousands of acres of agricultural crop get destroyed every year. The local people have already stopped farming. People are afraid and they cannot sleep properly at night in this area. The main problem of this area is the deep forest area situated in Bangladesh side. Due to fencing work, the elephants cannot go back into deep forest. They are permanently living in the Indian territory. The local Forest Department, Assam has failed to solve the problem. Considering the above fact, I would urge upon the Union Government through this august House to chalk out a permanent project to save both elephants and men by rehabilitating the elephants groups into another deep forest area. I would also request to rehabilitate the affected people by providing sufficient funds.

HON. SPEAKER: Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Radheshyam Biswas.