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\*title: Regarding increasing incidents of stray elephants intruding into human settlements in Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHIRUVANARAYANA (CHAMARAJANAGAR): Thank you, Madam. I want to raise an important issue regarding wild elephants entering agriculture farms and areas of human settlements and leading both human and elephant deaths and destruction of crop and property. मेरी कंस्टीट्यून्सी कर्नाटक राज्य में चामराजनगर है। Out of the total geographical area, more than 56 per cent area is covered by forest. The number of crop damage reported during the year 2015-16 is 596 and death of human life is 6.

To avoid the elephants entering the farm field, we want to take up digging of elephant-proof trenches and solar fencing. This is very much needed. I would urge upon the Union Government to release adequate fund for taking up this work. Till today, crop damage compensation has not been released from the Central Government. I would urge the Union Government to release crop damage compensation to the farmers as early as possible. Thank you, Madam.