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Title: Regarding increasing man-animal conflicts.

SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government to a very important subject. Over the last few years, there have been growing incidents of man-animal conflicts taking place in various parts of the country. The ever-shrinking forests and grasslands in the country have contributed to such conflicts. In my state Assam, a number of houses as well as several acres of standing crops have been destroyed by wild elephants in the recent past. Many people and wild animals have lost their lives in such incidents. On February, 11 last, four elephants were killed on the railway track near Hawaipur in Assam. The Guwahati-Silchar Fast Passenger train hit the herd of elephants which led to death of four pachyderms. I therefore, urge upon the Minister for Environment and Forest and Climate Change to take appropriate steps to curb such incidents at the earliest.