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Title: Regarding deaths caused by wild animal in Palakkad district, Kerala-laid.

SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD): Many people have lost their lives in Palakkad, due to attacks by wild animals, mainly elephants in human habitation areas. It has become a regular phenomenon in adjoining to forest areas in Palakkad district. Elephants are frequently entering into habitats/farmlands, killing people and destroying their agricultural crops. Nearly 200 elephants have been killed on railway tracks across the country in the last 10 years, which indicates the increased movement of wild elephants into human habitats. Rail fencing along the forest area is the only solution to prevent such wildlife attacks on human beings and destruction of their crops. One of the reasons for wild animals entering into human habitats is because of the scarcity of water and loss of natural vegetation in forests. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to make rail fencing along the forest area in Palakkad district as well as take action to rejuvenate water and natural vegetation in forests.