

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Man-Animal Conflict-laid.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I may solicit the immediate attention to a sad human crisis existing in the border villages of the forests. The rate of increase of man-animal conflict has increased to such an abominable proportion that human beings are being regularly killed by animals. Pathanamthitta has the highest percentage of forest area, no wonder the highest rate of incidents of man animal conflict occur at Pathanamthitta. Every man's death due to man animal conflict is an indirect human sacrifice. We sacrifice human beings for the preservation of wild animals. Neglecting human life and fostering forests is bad for human life and animal life. Unscientific forest management is responsible for the crisis. Degeneration of interior forests forces animals to intrude into villages. Conflicts with wild animals and human beings are taking place in Pathanamthitta. I demand a commission to be appointed for ending issue of man-animal conflict and to enhance compensation to its victims.