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Title: Need to take steps by Union government to procure the seeds of Gloriosa Superba.

***SHRI P VELUSAMY (DINDIGUL):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. Due to human-animal conflict, particularly of the attack by wild elephants, the livelihood of the people of Pachalur, Periyur, Kamanur, Vadakavunji, Kookkaal, Panchayat Union areas around Kodaikkanal hill is affected very much. During the last two months within a span of 15 days three women namely Rajakkani, Mariammal and Jayalakshmi have been killed due to attack by wild elephants. I request you that Union and State Governments should provide priority in Government jobs to the family members of those killed by wild animals. Gloriosa Superba is a flower having medicinal value is grown in more than 10000 hectares the Dindigul, Karur, Tiruppur, Namakkal, Tiruchy, Permabalur, Ariyalur, Nagappatinam, and Salem districts of Tamil Nadu. Some companies procure them and export them to foreign countries. Mainly the middle men procure the seeds of this flower. Farmers do not know the market value of the seeds of this flower. Last year the seeds of Gloriosa Superba were procured from these companies at Rs3500/- per kg. This year the price was Rs.1500. As a result, farmers did not get remunerative price. I therefore urge upon the Union Minister of Agriculture to take necessary steps to directly procure the seeds of Gloriosa Superba by the Union Government so that the farmers may get remunerative price for their produce. Thank you.

