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Title: Regarding wild animals menace.

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI): The farmers of Idukki are facing destruction of crops caused by the wild animals. It has also been found in recent years that wild boar population is rising. Five people were killed this year due to the attack of wild elephants and twenty persons were injured. The total loss is estimated to be Rs.25 crore.

This is because of non-availability of food for wild animals within forest. Forests are being used for non-forest activities like teak and eucalyptus plantations, resulting in reduced food availability. The Forest Department should be responsible for keeping wild animals within the forest. If farmers are at a loss, they must be fully compensated for that loss within 48 hours. There must be adequate insurance coverage to cover for death. I urge upon the government to take necessary steps to prevent the attack of wild animals and adequate insurance coverage should be provided to the injured.