

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding killing of elephants by a train near Madukkarai in Pollachi Parliamentary Constituency-laid.

SHRI K. SHANMUGA SUNDARAM (POLLACHI): Three elephants were brutally killed after being hit by a train near Madukkarai in my Parliamentary Constituency. Three female elephants, an adult, a subadult and a juvenile were crossing the railway track near Navakkarai within the Madukkarai forest range around 9 pm on Friday last week. The culprit train No: 12602 Chennai mail, operated from Mangalore to Chennai had hit the three elephants at a section which falls under Palakkad Railway Division near Marappalam Thottam. All three elephants died on the spot without any chance to revive them. All the elephants belong to the same herd. Railway authorities made arrangements to transfer the passengers to Walayar but the two loco pilots were detained for enquiry. 11 elephants have been killed in the past 5 years in the reserves forest area of Madukkarai. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change should take immediate steps to save the elephants from further loss by the speeding train.