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Title: Demand to set up a task force to prevent deaths of elephants on the railway tracks.

SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM (SIVAGANGA): Sir, one of the most regal, royal, and majestic symbols of India is the elephant. Everybody universally loves it. In our Hindu faith it manifests as Lord Ganesha or Gajanatha. Unfortunately, 186 elephants have died in railway track accidents. So, through you, I urge upon the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Railways to immediately set up a task force to ensure that these elephant deaths do not happen on the railway tracks. Even recently, five elephants died on the railway tracks between Tamil Nadu and Kerala. So, they must immediately put together a task force. Even an external expert could be put there, and new technologies like RFID and honeybee buzzer devices must be implemented and we must prevent these deaths. This is the heritage of India, a symbol of India, and we owe it to the elephant that we protect it. We cannot encroach upon their land and their passage through modernisation and kill them. Thank you.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्यगण, अगर कोई माननीय सदस्य 30 सेकेंड के अन्दर बोलने का इच्छुक है तो वह हाथ खड़ा कर सकता है ।