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Regarding wild elephant menace in Attappadi, Kerala

SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD): Respected Chairperson Sir, wild elephant attack on people is continuing unabated in many parts of Kerala, particularly in Attappadi which is a taluk in Palakkad in Kerala dominated by tribals. During the last one year, six persons have been killed by wild elephants. The people in Attappadi are living in fear as they cannot come out of their homes after sunset due to fear of wild elephant attacks. The wild elephants are entering into human settlements and damaging crops and properties, and it has become a regular affair especially in Attappadi. Chasing away the wild elephants by the forest officials is not the solution. The Government should find out the reasons why these elephants are coming to human settlements. To a certain extent we can stop it, if we plant trees like jackfruit, etc. as well as make availability of water by rejuvenating the dried water resources in forest areas.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the wild elephant attack on people.

Thank you.