

Regarding human-animal conflicts across Kerala-laid

SHRI K. SUDHAKARAN (KANNUR): The recent surge in human-animal conflicts across Kerala, as highlighted by the State Forest Department's report identifying 1004 conflict zones, demands urgent attention and a proactive response from the Government. The escalating incidents involving wild elephants, leopards, tigers, and other species pose significant threats to both lives and livelihoods in regions such as Wayanad, Kannur, Munnar, Idukki, and Vazhachal. The families who have lost the lives of their loved ones are not compensated appropriately. The Government should prioritize and implement comprehensive measures aimed at mitigating these conflicts sustainably. Investing in technology for early warning systems and promoting sustainable practices in agriculture and development projects can foster coexistence between humans and wildlife. A collaborative approach involving experts, communities, and governmental agencies is essential to achieve a lasting solution. I earnestly appeal to the Government to act decisively to safeguard both wildlife and human interests, ensuring a harmonious balance between development and conservation.