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Title : Need for proper fencing of forest areas in Karnataks with a view to keep the wild elephants off the human habitations.

SHRIMATI TEJASVINI GOWDA (KANAKAPURA): My state Karnataka is home to 25% of the Indian elephant population. Districts like Bangalore Rural, Ramnagar, Mysore, Chamarajnagar and Coorg share 80% of the State's elephant population.

The large part of forest land has been illegally encroached. State has 43,356,390 sq. km. of forest land. But 65,585,65 hectare land has been encroached. Due to human encroachment into the forest land which is the home of the wild elephants, the elephants are entering in the Agriculture fields and destroying the crops of the poor farmers in search of food. Hundreds of people have lost their lives. Crops worth lakhs of rupees were lost which has become worrying factor for the Government to deal with. Also, many elephants died due to electrocution. It is the right time to act to save the precious wild elephants as well as farmers from them. Same is the situation in the North Eastern States also. I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to release the funds required by State Government to ensure proper fencing of the Forest area as well as to give the compensation for the damaged crops of the poor farmer.