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SHRI D. NARBULA (DARJEELING): I would like to invite your attention towards the Singalila National Park of Darjeeling. In spite of being declared a National Park 15 years ago, this park has been totally neglected. The total area of this park is 108.77 sq. Km., the biggest national park in West Bengal, covered with dense forests and various species of plants and trees. It is a veritable paradise for nature lovers and this place offers a panoramic view of a range of mountains including the Mount Everest. No doubt this park has become a famous tourist attraction, but the local people are facing a lot of difficulties, loss and inconvenience as wild animals of park have become a great nuisance to them. The authority of wild life division has taken no measure to stop this and safeguard the local people. Regarding the area of the park the demarcation of the fringe zone, buffer zone and core zone as well as the construction of footpath, bridle path, artificial pond, inspection tower and so on have not been done.

Hence I request the Government to look into the matter and pay adequate attention towards the park.