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Title : Need to provide compensation to the farmers whose crops have been damaged due to elephant menace in Keonjhar and Sundergarh Districts of Orissa.

SHRI JUAL ORAM (SUNDERGARH): The elephant menace has posed a serious problem in the State of Orissa particularly in Keonjhar and Sundergarh districts. The farmers are the main victims as the elephants are coming out of the forest just after sunset and destroying the crops. Even the standing crops are destroyed by them. Most of the farmers in these two districts are small and marginal farmers belonging to SC, ST or OBC. They have no means to grow alternative crops. The elephants are even pulling out people from their huts and small dwelling units.

Under the circumstances stated above, the farmers in my Parliamentary Constituency may be provided with adequate compensation for growing alternative crops and to earn their livelihood.