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Title: Need to set up an Elephant Sanctuary at Hogenakkal Forest area in Tamil Nadu.

DR. R. SENTHIL (DHARMAPURI): Large number of elephants live in the forests adjacent to Hogenakkal water falls on either side of the Tamil Nadu, Karnataka border. At the time of mating and also during summer when water is scarce, they stray to villages adjacent to the forest border and are often killed by criminals. Last summer three elephants were killed when they tried to cross over the Dharmapuri -Bangalore rail track.

To protect their dwindling population, I request the Government to set up an Elephant sanctuary at Hogenakkal forest area. This had been the demand of various sections of the people living in Dharmapuri district. Hence, I request the hon. Minister for Environment & Forests to consider the request favorably and do the needful.