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Title: Need to step up security in Orang National Park in Assam to shun illegal poaching and infiltration.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDOI): The Orang National Park is located at the north bank of the Brahmaputra river in my constituency i.e. Mangaldoi. The British had declared it as Orang Game Reserve in 1915. The State Forest Department had declared it as Wild life Sanctuary in 1985 to meet the demand of Project Tiger. Several Mammalian species found in Orang Park are the Great Indian one horned Rhinoceros, Royal Bengal Tiger, Asiatic elephant, Pygmy Hog, Hog Hog deer and wild boar. Some species are critically endangered. More than fifty species of fish are habitat of the river & channel of the park. The park is home to a variety of migratory birds. Variety of reptiles are also found here.

Tourists from different parts of the country and abroad visit Orang National Park regularly. There is a serious threat to the survival of the part due to illegal occupation by the Bangladeshi infiltrators. In view of this, I urge upon the Central Government to prevail upon the Assam Government to increase manpower for patrolling & security so as to stop poaching and evict illegal encroachers to save this part & wild life.