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Title: Need to introduce a special insurance scheme for the benefit of victims of human animal conflict.

\*SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI):Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. Vanakkam.I thank you for allowing me to speak in my mother tongue, Tamil. Hosur forest range is spread for about 1,496 sq.kms in Krishnagiri district. There are 117 reserve forests. As estimated there are as many as 131 elephants in this area. These elephants often come into contact with human beings living in and around villages of this area. There is human-animal conflict due to which from the year 2011 to 2014, 31 persons were killed. Tamil Nadu government under the able guidance of Puratchithalaivi Amma had provided Rs.3 lakh each as compensation to the families of persons died in such human-animal conflicts. A total of Rs. 93 lakh have been issued so far. As many as 3,110 applications were received and an amount of Rs.1,21,08,025/- has been provided. I want to mention this here because there is no fund allocation by the Union government in this regard. Even though there are trenches for a stretch of 146 km and electric fencing for a stretch of 125.14 km, elephants have come into villages causing trouble to villagers. I urge upon the Union government to identify areas of human-animal conflict and introduce a special insurance scheme for the benefit of victims and their families. I also urge that a compensation of Rs.10 lakh should be provided to the families of deceased. Thank you Sir.