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Title: Need to take steps to protect the farmers and their crops from the menace of wild animals.

SHRI R. PARTHIPAN (THENI): Thank you Chairman, Sir. I am grateful to our most respected leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and to the people of my Theni Lok Sabha Constituency for enabling me to represent in this august House.

My Constituency is spread across the lower fringes of the Western Ghats and the region is covered by hills on three sides. The climate prevailing in this region is very suitable for horticulture crops. Horticulture crops like pepper, cardamom, grape, mango, jackfruit, banana, coconut, pineapple, etc., are cultivated in thousands of acres.

Recently, the Union Government declared this region as a reserve forest. However, there is no significant presence of any wildlife in this region except for a large number of pigs. These pigs frequently destroy the crops cultivated by the farmers.

I would, therefore, request the Union Government to take necessary steps to protect the farmers and their crops in that region. Myself and the people of my constituency shall be grateful for this act of kindness.

Thank you.