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RAJYA SABHA

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Dear Prakash ji,

It is with deep concern that I am drawing your attention to the deliberate killing of a pregnant elephant in Silent Valley Forest Kerala who had had fallen victim to an act of human cruelty on 27 May 2020.

Thank you for your response on the issue and ensuring that strict action is meted out to the criminals.

As you may already be aware another female elephant had met with similar fate in April in Pathanapuram forest range area under Punalur division in Kollam district, Kerala.

I have repeatedly taken up this issue in Parliament since 2016; about the need for prosecution of those under The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960. The use of firecrackers or any deliberate man-made attempt to harm animals falls within the ambit of offence of Section 11(1)(a) under The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and should attract associated penalties. I urge you to take immediate action in such matters to bring to book those responsible for such heinous crimes. This kind of poaching and deliberate violence against animals/ elephants need to stop.

Secondly, The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 needs amendment. I had raised this issue in 2016; enclosing my Zero Hour for reference where I have advocated the need for a review and amendment of Animal Cruelty Laws to serve as effective and stronger deterrents against Animal Abuse.



Animals too have a right to live with dignity and a life that is devoid of cruelty and ill-treatment. Therefore, on behalf of thousands of other animal lovers in the country, I urge the government to bring in suitable amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, including more stringent punishments and increased penalties, which will serve as effective and stronger deterrents against perpetrators of ruthless, cold blooded treatment of animals, at the earliest.

I look forward to you acting on this at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

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