

HUMAN CONFLICTS IN INDIA AND NEED FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

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ABSTRACT

Developing countries are affected by two major causes of disaster, namely epizootics and geophysical events; these events have killed a large number of animals, reduced the production efficiency and availability of food from animals. Apart from them, there are technological disasters as Chernobyl nuclear disaster where for ten years sheep farmers couldn't sell their produce for human consumption due to excess radioactivity in pastures and Human conflicts like war, Maoist movement, border disputes are also resulting in serious long lasting impacts on animal agriculture and wildlife, which somehow are not highlighted. On 22 Nov 2010, in Rajya Sabha, questions were raised about the killing of animals by Naxal and hunters and the answer by Ministry of Environment and Forest was that statistics of animals killed by Naxals and hunters are not compiled. The Naxals were killing wildlife in the forest for their finances along with poachers. The threat of Naxals has affected the tigers' count in Bastar region. Farmers in Naxal areas and Pir Panjal area of J&K prefer open grazing in forests and these areas have IED's/mine, which sometime get triggered by animals and result in death/injury. Such odd cases seem normal and routine, but when observed in whole have serious consequences on the economy and public health of the country.

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