

Solution of Tami) Problem

1764. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
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SULTAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the People's Union for Civil Liberties at a public meeting organised in Delhi recently urged Government to take effective steps for bringing to an end the ordeal being faced by Tamils in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what effective steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of Tamilians killed in Sri Lanka and in Sri Lankan and Indian waters during the last four months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Government have seen press reports to this effect.

(b) Government have been in touch with the Sri Lankan Government with a view to assisting them in finding a political solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. This has been through diplomatic channels as well as visits by special envoys. Recently a Special Advisory Group on Sri Lanka has been set up by Government to continue efforts for resolving the problem.

(c) Four Indian fishermen have been killed in Indian waters by Sri Lankan naval personnel during this period.

Treaty of Peace and friendship with Pakistan

1765. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have taken fresh initiative with the Government of Pakistan to have a treaty of peace and friendship; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrests made in connection with assassination of Shrimati Indira Gandhi

1766. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newspaper reports quoting the S.G.P.C. President Shri G. S. Tohra terming the assassins of late Shrimati Indira Gandhi as martyrs;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to prevent such expressions which hurt the national sentiments; and

(c) whether such types of statements aggravate situation in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Such statements would not only aggravate situation in Punjab but may create adverse public reaction elsewhere. Government hopes that responsible persons in public life will refrain from making statements that are likely to hurt feelings of any section of public.

Plight of Harijan families in Andhra Pradesh

1767. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any information to the effect that three hundred Harijan families of Nandikottu Taluka in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh had constructed dwellings on the plots which were provided to them sometime back and these dwellings were demolished by the concerned authorities on April 16, 1985 and in the process