

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**VISIT OF SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT .**

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Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Sri Lankan President has visited India in October this year;
- (b) if so, whether the issue of rehabilitation of ethnic Tamils of Sri Lanka was taken up with him; and
- (c) the reaction of the Sri Lankan President in this regard and the promises that have been made by him on this sensitive issue?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) President Mahinda Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka visited India from 14-15 October, 2010. He was here to participate in the Closing Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2010. On the issue of rehabilitation of Tamils in Sri Lanka, President Rajapaksa reiterated his commitment to speedy resettlement of the remaining Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) by the end of this year. He welcomed India's generous assistance towards the rehabilitation of the IDPs in Sri Lanka.