

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4519
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016**

SRI LANKA-INDIA ECONOMIC PACT

4519. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sri Lanka-India Economic Pact may soon become a reality;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether India has held a genuine debate and discussion among the stakeholders in Sri Lanka; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) to (d) Negotiations on the India-Sri Lanka Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) have commenced with the objective of further deepening bilateral economic engagement across a broad spectrum. So far two rounds have been held, in August and September 2016. Necessary consultations on ETCA are also being carried out with stakeholders in India.
