

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2801
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019

KILLINGS OF TAMILS IN SRI LANKA

†2801. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken any steps for early resolution of ethnic issues and restoring peace in Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the incidents of killings of Tamils have repeatedly taken place in Sri Lanka recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether this matter has been raised before the authorities of Sri Lanka; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (e) Government is of the view that the end of the conflict in Sri Lanka provided a unique opportunity to pursue a lasting political settlement, acceptable to all communities in Sri Lanka, including Tamils. We have emphasised to the Sri Lankan Government on the need to take forward the process of broader dialogue with all parties and show concrete movement towards a meaningful devolution of powers, including the implementation of the 13th Amendment.

Government of India remains engaged with government, political parties and the people of Sri Lanka to take forward the process of national reconciliation and to arrive at a solution that meets the aspirations of the Tamil community for equality, justice, peace and dignity. India has consistently called upon Sri Lanka to fulfill its commitments on addressing the issues related to protecting the interest of Tamils in Sri Lanka.
