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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2776
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2014

INDO-SRI LANKA TALKS

†2776. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister of External Affairs of Sri Lanka visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the issues on which bilateral talks were held during the said visit;
- (c) whether the Government also raised the issue regarding retrieving of Katchatheevu Island with Sri Lanka and if so, the details along with the response of Sri Lankan Government thereto; and
- (d) the positive steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to further strengthen bilateral relations with Sri Lanka?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Prof. G.L. Peiris, External Affairs Minister of Sri Lanka visited India from 9-11 July 2014. During the visit he met External Affairs Minister on 11 July in New Delhi. Both sides discussed matters relating to the political reconciliation and economic reconstruction process in Sri Lanka and issues of regional and international importance. The discussions also covered trade and investment, the fishermen's issue, developmental assistance and cooperation in the fields of education and culture with a view towards further strengthening of bilateral cooperation in these areas.



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