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Q NO.1298 KILLING OF TAMILS IN SRI LANKA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1298
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2015

KILLING OF TAMILS IN SRI LANKA

†1298. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any step to resolve the racial issues at the earliest and maintain peace in Sri Lanka, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the incidents of killings of the Tamils have occurred in Sri Lanka; and
- (c) if so, whether this matter has been taken up with the authorities of Sri Lanka and if so, the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The protracted war in Sri Lanka, which ended in May 2009, resulted in serious loss of lives, including that of Tamil civilians.

India believes that the solution to the ethnic issue would be a negotiated political settlement, acceptable to all communities in Sri Lanka, including the Tamil community. Towards this, Government has reiterated to the Sri Lankan side, including at the highest levels, the need for meaningful devolution of powers, through the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution and to go beyond. India's consistent stand has been to achieve a future for the Tamil community in Sri Lanka which is marked by peace, equality and justice to prosper and fulfil their aspirations, within a united Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has assured India and the international community, at the highest levels, on a political process that

envisages a broader dialogue with all parties, including the Tamil parties, for a lasting political solution in Sri Lanka.



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