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RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1651 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2015

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1651. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the issue of Sri Lankan refugees who had taken shelter in India, with the new Government of Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the response of the Sri Lankan Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate the Sri Lankan Tamils with full honour and dignity?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The issue of voluntary repatriation of Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in India was raised by External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka Mr. Mangala Samaraweera during his visit to India from 17-19 January 2015. It was agreed to start bilateral consultation process on this issue by end January. A meeting between the two sides was held on 30 January 2015.



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