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Q.NO.2456 TALKS ON FISHERMEN ISSUE WITH SRI LANKA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2456
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2015

TALKS ON FISHERMEN ISSUE WITH SRI LANKA

2456. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Minister had a talk regarding fishermen issue with Sri Lankan counterpart during his visit to India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the two Governments would facilitate resumption of talks between fishermen associations in the issue, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj had raised the fishermen issue with the Sri Lankan Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Mangala Samaraweera during his visit to India from 17 – 19 January 2015. She had emphasized during the discussions that the issue of fishermen was an emotive one that concerned the livelihood of fishermen from both the countries and has to be handled with great care and sensitivity.

The Government is in touch with the State Governments of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry and the Government of Sri Lanka to facilitate resumption of talks between Fishermen Associations from both countries.



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