

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1326
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
INITIATING PEACE PROCESS IN SRI LANKA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Government are taking initiatives to revive the peace process in Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The peace process is being conducted between Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) facilitated by Norway. While Government of India supports the actions taken by the Government of Sri Lanka in promoting the peace process, Government of India is not itself involved in it. The LTTE is a banned organisation and Government of India continues to seek the extradition of Prabhakaran from Sri Lanka.