

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:270
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
SRI LANKAN REFUGEES IN TAMIL NADU
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of refugees from Sri Lanka infiltrated into India due to the escalation of militancy in Sri Lanka; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to check the infiltration of Sri Lankan refugees in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

- (a): Due to recent escalation of militancy in Sri Lanka, about 1200 Sri Lankan refugees have arrived in India since January, 2000; and
- (b): The State Government of Tamil Nadu and the Central agencies in Tamil Nadu have been suitably advised to take all possible measures which include intensifying coastal patrolling, collection and collation of advance intelligence and strengthening of Naval detachments in Tamil Nadu.