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Title : Regarding pathetic condition of Tamil IDPs in Sri Lanka.

SHRI T.R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR): Hon. Chairman, recently, the Government of India has sent a Delegation of Parliamentarians under the leadership of hon. Leader of Opposition to visit Sri Lanka, especially the North and East Regions of Sri Lanka wherein IDPs are kept.

I thought that the Government of India will come forward to make a statement on the first day itself. But so far the Government has not yet made any statement in this hon. House. Some of the Members who went to Sri Lanka on the delegation have narrated very sad stories.

What is happening in Sri Lanka? Even today thousands of people have been kept in Manik Farm, inside the barbed wire fencing. Thousands of Tamil IDPs are kept there. Those who have been brought out of the Manik Farm have been taken elsewhere and they have not yet been provided with shelters. Their children have been orphaned. There are no schools for their education. Thousands of army men are just roaming around the Tamil habitations. You will be surprised to hear there are army men even inside the temples, mosques, and churches. They are simply threatening the Tamil IDPs.

MR. CHAIRMAN : After the visit of the delegation, you want the response of the Government. You have already brought that to the notice of the Government. You can conclude with that. Please do not go into the details of that.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI T.R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR): I will conclude within one or two minutes. ...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is something which happened in some other country.

SHRI T.R. BAALU: The tyranny is going on.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are not going into that issue.

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Within one or two minutes I will conclude.

The tyranny continues. This has been happening for the past 25 years. The Indo-Sri Lanka Accord has not yet been fructified. The 13th Amendment has not yet been implemented. That is why my leader Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi has stated two or three days ago that there should be a referendum for a separate Tamil Eelam. Otherwise, it cannot be solved. See what has happened in Kosovo, East Timor, South Sudan and other countries. The Government of India has prevailed upon the UNO to see that these countries are liberated peacefully. The same thing should happen in Sri Lanka also to have a separate Tamil Eelam. Then only peace and tranquillity will prevail.

So, I would suggest that the Government of India should prevail upon the UNO and other international forums to see that a separate Tamil Eelam is carved out of Sri Lanka, by means of referendum.