

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) Government considers the raising of Kashmir by Pakistan in international fora as contrary to the Simla Agreement and not helpful in improving bilateral relations. Our views have been conveyed to the Pakistani Government on different occasions. We have also reiterated our position that the whole of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and that the only issue which remains to be resolved is the vacation of Indian territory under Pakistan's illegal occupation.

**Progress of talks on Problems of
Tamils in Sri Lanka**

1757. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY :
SHRI R.M. BHOYE :
SHRI SRIBALLAV
PANIGRAHI :
SHRI PARASRAM
BHARDWAJ :
SHRI G.S. NANJE GOWDA :
SHRI H.M. PATEL :
SHRI SATYENDRA
NARAYAN SINHA :
PROF. K.V. THOMAS :
SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA :
DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI S.M. GURADDI :
PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE:
DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO:
SHRI MANIK REDDY :
SHRI BHATTAM SRI RAMA
MURTHY :
SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA
RAO :
SHRI KAMAL NATH :
SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU :
SHRI UTTAM RATHOD :
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has been made in the talks between India and Srilanka on the problems of Tamils in Srilanka ;

(b) whether Government of Srilanka has sent any specific proposals for the solution of this dispute ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government of India on those proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to
(c). Some progress had taken place by the third week of December, 1986. In the beginning of January, however, the Sri Lanka Government imposed an economic and communication blockade on Jaffna and started military operations against the Eastern and Northern Provinces. This has significantly altered the situation. India has presently suspended its good offices and conveyed its position to the Sri Lanka Government. It has been made clear that violence must be brought to an end before the process of negotiations can be resumed.

Spindle Capacity in Maharashtra

1758. DR. DATTA SAMANT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is saturation of spindle capacity in Maharashtra ; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM
NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Specific norms have not been laid down to determine that spindle capacity in a particular State has reached saturation point.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.