

Visit of P. M's Envoy to
Sri Lanka

590. SHRI P.M.SAYEED :
SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI UTTAM RATHOD :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRI P.K.KODIYAN : Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether India had proposed to Sri Lanka for a federal set up to accommodate the Tamil's interest;

(b) whether Prime Minister's special envoy also visited Sri Lanka in the month of October, 1983 for further talks;

(c) if so, what was the outcome of the talks held; and

(d) to what extent the solution has been found by now ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) The Prime Minister of India has offered India's good offices to Sri Lanka for facilitating a political settlement which would be acceptable to all communities in Sri Lanka and would foster national harmony. The Government of India has not put forward any proposals of its own. The Prime Minister's Special envoy is acting as a channel of communication between the Sri Lankan government and the leaders of the TULF in order to help find a common basis for a solution by narrowing down the differences between the two sides.

Special Envoy detailed discussions were held with Tamil leaders and certain proposals which emerged from these discussions were given to the Sri Lankan President.

(c) to (d) The Special Envoy visited Sri Lanka from 7th to 10th November. The proposals which had been put forward during

the first visit were discussed further with the Sri Lankan President. As a result tentative proposals were formulated incorporating some of the suggestions made earlier as well as certain new ideas emerged from the discussions during this visit. These essentially centre on the creation of Regional Bodies with appropriate powers.

Since the leaders of the TULF were not present in Colombo during this visit, the Special Envoy will hold discussions with them in Delhi.

International Conference on
Economic Matters

591. SHRI P.M.SAYEED : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nonaligned Foreign Ministers called for an early consensus leading to the convening of an International Conference on money and finance for development;

(b) if so, whether the Minister in the conference stressed that the proposal should be vigorously pursued;

(c) whether any decision in regard to the call has been accepted by the concerned authorities; and

(d) if so, what are the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V.NARASIMHA RAO):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Nonaligned countries at their meeting in New York held on 4-7 October, 1983 reiterated the call made by the 7th Nonaligned Summit for the urgent convening of an International Conference on Money and Finance for Development with universal participation.

(b) Yes, Sir, in their Communique the Nonaligned Ministers of Foreign Affairs stressed that the proposal should be vigorously pursued. The relevant para reads as follows :