

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7424

ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002

SRI LANKAN SETTLEMENT

GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;PRABHUNATH SINGH;PRAKASH V. PATIL;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sri Lankan PM has expressed opinion that India should play a role to further peace process within Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) Government have seen reports to this effect. India has consistently supported the initiatives being taken by the Government of Sri Lanka to further the peace process within Sri Lanka. Government of India is committed to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka and to the restoration of a lasting peace through a peaceful, negotiated settlement that meets the just aspirations of all elements of Sri Lankan society.