

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SRI LANKAN REFUGEES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of infiltration of Sri Lankan refugees including erstwhile LTTE cadres have been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such refugees who have taken shelter in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such infiltration and repatriate them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Available inputs indicate that a small number of Sri Lankan Tamils continue to arrive and report at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu as refugees. However, there is no specific input as yet, to indicate that the defeated LTTE cadres have infiltrated into India in the guise of refugees fleeing Sri Lanka.

(b): As per available information the total number of Sri Lankan refugees staying in Tamil Nadu as on 22.07.2009 in 115 Refugees Camps located in 26 districts are detailed below:-

Category Families Persons

Camp refugees 19,913 73,695

Non Camp 10,091 27,467
refugees
(31.05.2009)

Total 30,004 1,01,162

(c) : Screening procedures have been tightened in Mandapam Refugee Camp to identify any infiltration of remnant LTTE cadres. The Law enforcing agencies, including Navy, Coast Guard and State authorities, have intensified patrolling along the coast. In addition, the Government follows a policy of voluntary repatriation with respect to these refugees.