

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:263
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RELIEF TO TAMILS DISPLACED BY WAR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has handed over the first set of 50,000 houses and 10,000 bicycles to Tamil civilians in Sri Lanka, displaced by war; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) External Affairs Minister during his visit to Sri Lanka from 16-19 January 2012 handed over the first lot of completed houses at Ariyalai, Jaffna and the bicycles to Internally Displaced Persons in Jaffna. The total tendered cost for construction of 1000 housing units under Pilot Project is Rs 53.04 crore and the total cost for the supply of 10,000 bicycles is Rs. 2.87 crore.