

**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) the total number of Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka in the country;
- (b) whether the said refugees have been rehabilitated;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the financial expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) At present, 67,762 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees are staying in various camps in Tamil Nadu and 22 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees are staying at Malkangiri Camp of Odisha. In addition, 34,457 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees are registered at the Police Stations of Tamil Nadu as non-camp refugees.

(b) to (d): Upon arrival, the refugees are quarantined, and, after complete verification of their antecedents, they are shifted to refugee camps with the ultimate object of repatriation back to Sri Lanka. Pending repatriation, essential relief assistance is provided to them at the refugee camps which include provision of cash doles, subsidized ration, clothing, mats, blankets, cooking utensils, medical care etc. Since the inception of the scheme and upto July, 2012, an expenditure of Rs.577.59 crore was incurred for providing relief assistance to the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees.