

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING OF SRI LANKAN FORCES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has offered to train Sri Lankan Navy officers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of ongoing training programmes, if any, catering to the needs of Sri Lankan armed forces?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Training exchanges are conducted regularly between defence personnel of India and various neighbouring countries, including Sri Lanka. Training assistance to Sri Lankan Navy officers is being undertaken by Government with a view towards further enhancing maritime security in the region. Short-term and long-term training programmes, in technical and non-technical streams, are conducted for Armed Forces personnel of foreign countries, including Sri Lanka.