

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4315
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FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF TAMILS IN SRI LANKA
Yadav Shri Om Prakash

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds allocated in the current budget for relief and rehabilitation of Sri Lankan Tamils have been released; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) The Government is taking several measures to assist the process of relief and of rehabilitation of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Northern Sri Lanka. Government has allocated Rs. 500 crore for the rehabilitation of the IDPs and reconstruction in Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka. These funds are being spent on the deployment of a 60-member Indian emergency field hospital in Vavuniya, 7 de-mining teams from India, 5,200 tons of shelter material, 70,000 agricultural starters packs, an artificial limb fitment camp and supply of cement bags, supply of buses, etc.