

	(Value : Rs. Crores)		%change in April-December 1985 over April- December, 1984.
	April-December		
	1984	1985	
Exports	8146.17	7655.57	—6.0
(Incl. Crude Oil)			
Exports (Excl. Crude Oil)	6951.73	7520.42	+8.2
Imports	11746.14	13866.57	+18.0

Source : DGCI & S, Calcutta.

(c) The figure of India's trade deficit for the full financial year 1985-86 is yet not available.

(d) With a view to reducing trade deficit vigorous promotional measures have been taken during the recent Past. These include increasing our exports, diversifying our productive base, modernising our productive apparatus, mobilisation and periodic revision of our industrial policies, etc. Efforts are also being made to step up our indigenous production of importables during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, particularly in the sphere of bulk imports.

[Translation]

Latest Proposal of Sri Lanka Government to Solve Ethnic Problem

***40. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :**

SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka is still continuing unabated ;

(b) whether Government of India have received recently new package proposals from Government of Sri Lanka about this problem ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir, Fighting between the Security Forces and Tamil militants and violence against civilians are reported to be continuing.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The package of proposals put forward by the Government of Sri Lanka envisages amendment of the Sri Lanka constitution for creation of elected Provincial Councils and devolution of legislative and executive power to them. Considerable powers in relation to Law and Order and Land Settlements will be among the powers devolved to the Provincial Councils. The Sri Lanka government has also agreed to consider suitable institutional arrangements for Provincial Councils to consult with each other and act in co-ordination on matters of mutual interest and concern.

After examining the Sri Lankan Proposals, Government felt that a stage had been reached where the package proposals in regard to the devolution of power could be conveyed to the Sri Lankan Tamils for their careful consideration. The Sri Lankan proposals were handed over to the TULF and other Tamil groups at the end of June, 1986.

[English]

National Workshop on Causes of Death

1. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Workshop on statistics of causes of death has expressed that the mortality data being generated by the health agencies and the Registrars