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M. KARUNANIDHI
CHIEF MINISTER

Dear PM,

This has reference to the reported discussions had by the Indian External Affairs Minister with the Srilankan counterpart wherein the issue of joint patrolling was once again brought up by Sri Lanka.

I had been repeatedly emphasizing the need for strengthening the security on the IMBL by giving adequate facilities and infrastructure to the Indian Coast Guard and Navy. The issue of joint patrolling once discussed and did not find favour with our Government due to a number of reasons. The reasons had been discussed at length with the National Security Advisor by the then Chief Secretary and other State Government officials.

During the meeting with me, the National Security Advisor had confirmed that adequate steps are being taken to provide the Navy and the Coast Guard with the best equipments and other infrastructures. I shall be grateful if this is taken up urgently. As indicated earlier there is no requirement of joint patrolling at this juncture. Hence the request made by the Sri Lankan Government and any other sources need not be considered.

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Yours sincerely,

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To

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