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*Dear Krishna*

I understand that you are visiting Sri Lanka. I kindly request you to take up the following issues relating to the Sri Lankan Tamils at the appropriate levels.

One of the main issues which has been causing serious concern to me and to the people of Tamil Nadu, is the presence of about 30,000 people in the Camps, as seen by the Foreign Secretary, Government of India, at the time of her visit to Sri Lanka. Though this issue was taken up with the Sri Lankan Government a number of times in the past, it is really painful to note that this problem is yet to be satisfactorily resolved.

Secondly, the issue relating to resettlement and rehabilitation has not been fully addressed by the Sri Lankan Government, in spite of good amount of earnest efforts and dialogue at various levels undertaken by the Government of India so far. Out of about 3 lakh Tamils kept in the Camps run by the Sri Lankan Government, majority of them have been allowed to return to their places of origin. But, I understand, they are still facing untold miseries and innumerable hardships to make a decent and respectable livelihood. A peaceful and dignified living has to be ensured to all the internally displaced persons.

The programme of the Government of India to build 50,000 houses for the displaced may kindly be pushed through and completed in a time-bound framework, so that they are allotted to the Sri Lankan Tamils expeditiously.

Further, the political solution and devolution of powers, which have been talked about for a very long time, are yet to be given the preliminary shape.

I shall be grateful and the people of Tamil Nadu will be thankful, if the above issues are discussed at the appropriate levels with a view to find a solution for the welfare and rightful living of the Sri Lankan Tamils.

Yours sincerely,

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