

13.10.2020

His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi,  
Prime Minister of India

May it please your Excellency Shri Modi!

Let me thank your Excellency for your recent request to the Prime Minister of our Country to fully implement the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution. It has raised the expectations of the members of our Tamil Community.

I am sure that you are well aware of the flaws in the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment as well as the difference between the Indo Sri Lanka Accord and the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. I had in a recent Zoom participation with New Indian Forum under the Chairpersonship of Hon' Vanathy Srinivasan mentioned that the full implementation of the Indo Sri Lankan Accord of 1987 would be mutually beneficial to us. A copy of my speech (Translation) is herewith attached.

There are few matters that need your Excellency's urgent attention-

1. It would be wise to get a commitment from Hon' Mahinda Rajapaksa that India's grant assistance of US\$ 15 million for promotion of Buddhist ties between our two countries, especially construction / renovation of Buddhist monasteries and archaeological cooperation will not be used in the traditional Tamil homelands of the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka.

2 It would also be necessary to get a further commitment from Hon' Mahinda Rajapaksa that any assistance or training to "strengthen cooperation between armed forces of the two sides ....." will not be used against the Tamil people in Sri Lanka. Thank you.

I remain

Yours Sincerely,

Justice C.V.Wigneswaran  
Member of Parliament  
Sri Lanka