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'INDIA HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR A UNITED AND SOVEREIGN SRI LANKA': SAYS LOK SABHA SPEAKER

Camp: Colombo, 05 October 2017: After the conclusion of the 8th Conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians, the Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Smt. Mahajan met the Sri Lankan Delegation led by Speaker of Parliament of Sri Lanka Mr. Karu Jayasuriya.

On the occasion, Smt. Mahajan said that India has always stood for a united and sovereign Sri Lanka. Referring to rich cultural ties between the two countries, Smt. Mahajan suggested that religious tourism for Indian tourists in Sri Lanka could be further increased. In this regard, she also referred to the Buddhist Circuit being developed in India.

Mr. Karu Jayasuriya informed that the proposed new Constitution of Sri Lanka would take care of all ethnic groups and other stakeholders. To achieve this goal, the draft of the new Constitution would be widely debated, he added.

Both Delegations expressed interest in consolidating closer ties between the two Parliaments and to organise a friendly cricket match between parliamentarians of both countries. It was felt that regular dialogue between the two Parliaments would provide a fillip to bilateral ties. Appreciating the capacity-building programmes being organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training (BPST) of Lok Sabha Secretariat for the their parliamentarians and officials, the Sri Lankan Delegation suggested that the capacity-buildings programmes, including the Attachment Programmes, might be customized for the officials of the Sri Lanka Parliament. Lok Sabha Speaker assured that all such suggestions would be considered sincerely.
