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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

(SC)

DECLARATION OF BAN ON LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE) AS AN UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATION UNDER UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT.

[G.O. Ms. No. 358, Public (SC) 16th May 2014]

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The following Notification S.O 1272 (E), dated 14th May, 2014 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, is republished:-

S.O. 1272 (E) - Whereas the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (herein after referred to as the LTTE), is an association based in Sri Lanka but having its supporters, sympathisers and agents in the territory of India;

And whereas, the LTTE's objective for a separate homeland (Tamil Eelam) for all Tamils threatens the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, and amounts to cession and secession of a part of the territory of India from the Union and thus falls within the ambit of unlawful activities;

And whereas, the LTTE, even after its military defeat in May, 2009 in Sri Lanka, has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam' and has been clandestinely working towards the 'Eelam' cause by undertaking fund raising and propaganda activities. The remnant LTTE leaders or cadres have also initiated efforts to regroup the scattered activists and resurrect the outfit locally and internationally;

And whereas, the separatist Tamil Chauvinist groups and pro-LTTE groups continue to foster a separatist tendency amongst the masses and enhance the support base for LTTE in India and particularly in Tamil Nadu;

And whereas, a case was registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, against LTTE, pro-LTTE elements and chauvinist groups since the last notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs vide number S.O.1062(E), dated the 14th May, 2012, that is between May, 2012 and April, 2014. Besides, cases were registered under the provisions of Explosive Substances Act, 1908 and Indian Penal Code;

And whereas, the Diaspora continue to spread through articles in the Internet portals, anti-India feeling amongst the Sri Lankan Tamils by holding the Government of India responsible for the defeat of the LTTE. Such propaganda through the Internet, is likely to impact VVIP security adversely in India;

And whereas, for the reasons aforesaid, the Central Government is of the opinion that the LTTE is an 'unlawful association' and there is a need to control all such separatist activities by all possible means;

And whereas, the Central Government has the information that -

- (i) the activities of the LTTE remnant cadres, sympathisers, supporters in the State of Tamil Nadu suggest that the cadres would ultimately be utilised by the LTTE for unlawful activities;
- (ii) it has come to notice of the Government of India that despite the ban in force, attempts have been made by pro-LTTE organisations and individuals to extend their support to the LTTE;

And whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that the aforesaid activities of the LTTE pose a threat to the public order as well as the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India and, therefore, it should be declared as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (the LTTE) as an unlawful association and directs that this Notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect on and from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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