

U.N. to Assist in Tamil Refugee Repatriation

NAGERCOIL - The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) will assist Tamil Nadu State administration in sending back the Sri Lankan refugees willing to go back to their country.

The repatriation will be done only after seeking the Center's permission.

Of the 80,000 refugees housed in 137 camps in the state, 7,000 had

expressed their willingness to go back. As immediate shipment facilities were not available, they would be sent back in a period of four months with the help of the world body.

The Center has been providing a monthly financial assistance of 16 million rupees to meet the refugee problem. (PTI)