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— *Dr. Subramaniam Swamy*

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MADRAS, Saturday: The Janata Party President, Dr. Subramaniam Swamy has urged the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao, to take up with President Clinton, during his forthcoming American visit, the issue of the Californian Sri Lankan Tamils aiding the LTTE in its nefarious designs against India.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, Dr. Swamy said that this should be on the agenda because Mr. Clinton had himself written to the Pakistan Prime Minister Ms. Benazir Bhutto asking her government not to aid the LTTE to create problems in Tamil Nadu. Both New Delhi and Washington have been saying that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is in league with the LTTE and other terrorist forces in India, such as the Khalistanis, Kashmir terrorists, the Peoples' War Group in Andhra Pradesh and the ULFA in Assam.

Dr. Swamy said that the proprietor of the Ananda Bazaar Group of publications, Mr. Aweek Sarkar, should be arrested under the Terrorists Act TADA, for allowing the LTTE to plant the story in the weekly "*Sunday*" that the Indian Intelligence agency RAW

had contacted the LTTE in Europe to ensure the protection of Prime Minister Narasimha Rao while he was on a visit to London recently. The Janata leader further charged that the LTTE had acted through the Tamil Nadu government's Delhi representative, Mr. P. Kolandaivelu, to ensure the publication of the canard in the weekly.

According to Dr. Swamy, the LTTE wanted the story planted to spread the disinformation that New Delhi was in touch with Prabhakaran and not his detractor Mahattaya.

Dr. Swamy pooh poohed the Jayalalitha government's state assembly resolution seeking an extension of the ban on the LTTE, as an attempt to cover up its own links with the LTTE. "If they are really interested why can't they pass a resolution asking the Indian government to send commandos to Prabhakaran's hideout and bring him to trial?" Dr. Swamy asked.

Dr. Swamy said that the Indian Home Minister should not insist on a report from the Jayalalitha government for extending the ban on the LTTE. "That government is in league with the LTTE," he alleged.