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ADMK headed by Chief Minister Jayalalitha Jayaram, the main opposition leader Muthuvel Karunanithi (DMK) and the Congress (I) leader V. Ramamurthi had in separate requests asked Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao not to remove the coastal Navy guards from Tamil Nadu

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in view of the impending threats from the LTTE in North Sri Lanka.

According to South Indian Tamil dailies, the requests to the Prime Minister and Home Minister S. B. Chavan had been sent independently following moves by the centre to

redeploy the Navy coastal guards along the Tamil Nadu coast closer to Sri Lanka's North.

The dailies also said that this was the first occasion the three dominant political parties opposed to each other agreeing on the dangers the LTTE could pose to Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, the centre had decided to continue

the ban on LTTE for a further two years in India.

Mr. Karunanithi, speaking to reporters in Salem on Sunday, said that the Government should delay the repatriation of Sri Lankan refugees since Tigers are still active in traditional Tamil areas in Sri Lanka. He also elaborated on dangers to Tamil Nadu in the event of Navy coast guards being removed from Tamil Nadu.