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Defense Minister K.C. Pant said again that Indian peacekeeping troops will not be withdrawn from Sri Lanka until the 1987 peace accord between the two nations is implemented in full.

Pant told reporters aboard an Indian Air Force plane with him that the agreement was signed to establish peace in Sri Lanka, protect the Tamils' "interest" and guarantee that India's security interests were not threatened.

These goals have not been met, he said, because the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam are still resorting to violence and refusing to negotiate.

## Operations Continue

Meanwhile, operations of the Indian troops to disarm militants and create conditions for a return of normal conditions