

EXTERNAL

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20 November 1995

Further information on EXTRA 143/95 (ASA 37/26/95, 17 November 1995) - Fear of "disappearance"

SRI LANKAMuthukumarasamy Sasikumar, tractor driver, aged 17

According to the latest information, Muthukumarasamy Sasikumar was released on 17 November 1995 around 2pm.

His father had seen him being transferred from police headquarters to the Superintendent of Police's office in a police jeep. He had followed the jeep and made inquiries at the Superintendent of Police's office. After some time, Muthukumarasamy Sasikumar was released.

Police at both places had earlier denied that Muthukumarasamy Sasikumar was in their custody when his relatives and the Human Rights Task Force regional manager made inquiries about him.

Amnesty International has no information about his health.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Muthukumarasamy Sasikumar;
- expressing concern that the security forces had initially denied that he was in their custody;
- urging that all security forces be instructed to immediately inform the relatives about the whereabouts of people taken into custody.

This is a limited action. Please restrict appeals to 20 per Section.

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Salutation: Dear Inspector General of Police

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Sri Lanka accredited to your country.

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