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① Newly elected President of SL in a crucial parliament vote gives IND an opportunity to take the lead in foreign aid game in its neighbour - explain?

Introduction - Ind-SL relation traced back to 25,00 years ago. Both countries have built upon their legacy of cultural, regional & logistic interaction.

SL economic crisis -

* SL currently facing severe economic crisis since its foreign debt (↑) & inappropriate govt policies.

* Data's analysed that 3 quarters of a million ^{people} would be pushed to very poor status.

IND's role -

① Ind. is the first country to respond to SL calls for foreign aid and helping to avert their economic stress, foreign debt.

② Ind aid worth of \$ 3.8 Billion

to SL via Swaps, Loans, Grants. This is India's largest bilateral aid in recent times.

(3) Stabilising SL economy could prove India's neighbour first policy effective.

(4) Ind can deepen its trade and investment with SL. This could spur regional prosperity.

(5) In this current situation IND has advantage over CHN by leading an aid consortium for SL with other countries like USA, JAP, EU, IMF.

(6) With this deepening ties ~~at~~ IND can resolve prolonged crisis like.

* IND - SL fisherman issue - By deepening their relations IND can ask SL to access IND fisherman in SL waters. Thereby enhancing the fisherman's livelihood.

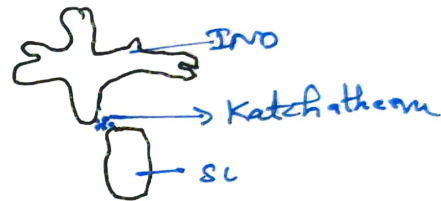
* Ethnic issue -

Majority Sinhala & Minority
Tamil's ethnic issue could be resolved
by their Coordinated Cooperation.

Indian Ocean's impact -

→ SL geographical position is a
major advantage for Indo to strengthen its
Indian ocean region & Indian ocean rim
Community.

→ Indo's security interest
can be enhanced by keeping SL
as a watchdog in turn suppressing CHN's
influence.



Conclusion -

India's every single step
towards SL aid could improve their
deteriorating relation also deepening their
Cooperation in all sectors.