

**Question for written answer E-003616/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights situation in Sri Lanka

The Government of Sri Lanka has already undertaken important new initiatives, such as reviewing cases of detainees under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), lifting restrictions on media reporting, ending internet censorship and removing nongovernmental organisations from Defence Ministry oversight.

However, many important human rights concerns still need to be addressed. Among these are the use of torture by police, the protection of minority communities, the independence of government oversight committees and the repeal of the PTA.

Does the Commission intend to talk with the Government of Sri Lanka on how to improve the human rights situation in that country, in particular with the goal of eliminating the use of torture on detainees and to improve redress mechanisms for victims?

Does the Commission entertain regular contacts with civil society organisations and human rights defenders on the ground?