

## **Sushma Swaraj briefs Sri Lankan president on bilateral meeting**

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**Colombo:** External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Saturday called on Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena here and briefed him on the India-Sri Lanka joint commission meeting held on Friday.

"EAM @SushmaSwaraj briefed President @MaithripalaS on the outcomes of the 9th Indo-SL JCM held in Colombo on Feb 5," external affairs ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup tweeted.

The ninth session of the India-Sri Lanka was held here co-chaired by Sushma Swaraj and her Sri Lankan counterpart Mangala Samaraweera following which two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were signed.

According to one MoU, India will construct a surgical unit at the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital in the island nation's Eastern Province and supply medical equipment.

Under the second MoU, India will aid in the renovation of 27 schools in the Northern Province.

The India-Sri Lanka Joint Commission was established in 1992 as an effective mechanism to address matters pertaining to bilateral cooperation.

After arriving here on Friday on a two-day visit to Sri Lanka, Sushma Swaraj also called on Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

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