

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

PRESS RELEASE

Government has seen many versions of a statement reportedly made by the leaders of the CPI (Maoist). In the absence of an authentic statement, Government is unable to respond to these versions. Nevertheless, in order to clear the air, the Home Minister Shri P Chidambaram wishes to make the following statement:

I would like a short, simple statement from the CPI (Maoist) saying "We will abjure violence and we are prepared for talks."

I would like no ifs, no buts and no conditions.

I would like the statement to be faxed to 011-23093155.

Once I receive the statement, I shall consult the Prime Minister and other colleagues and respond promptly.

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