

Table 1. Tamil Nation Question, issues and the Position of Political Parties in Parliament.

| Issues on the TNQ | Parties with number of MPs | | | | | | | Votes | Decision |
|--|----------------------------|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| | SLFP/ others | JVP | NUA/ SLMC | JHU | UNP | CWC /UPF | TNA/ LTTE | | |
| | 64 | 39 | 12 | 9 | 66 | 13 | 22 | 225* | |
| 1. Discussion with the LTTE on ISGA | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 165 | Yes |
| 2. Three-month discussion with the LTTE on a draft federal system with Merged NorthEast & with LTTE majority ISGA. | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 165 | Yes |
| 3. Three-month discussion with LTTE on draft federal constitution with Merged NE without ISGA | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | 130 | No |
| 4. Discussion with LTTE & Muslims on ISGA | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 142 | No |
| 5. ISGA outside current constitution. | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | 35 | No |
| 6. ISGA within current constitution | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | 130 | No |
| 7. Discussion with only the LTTE on Solution | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 101 | No |
| 8. Constituent Assembly | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 190 | No |
| 9. Constituent Assembly to draft federal constitution with separate N&E | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 142 | No |
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| Solutions | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Federal (e.g. Canada, Belgium, Swiss,) | Yes | No | yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 177 | Yes |
| 2. Separation | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | 22 | No |
| 3. Implement Current constitution | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | 76 | No |
| 4. Confederal (e.g. Belgium, Swiss) | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | 35 | No |

* The numbers in the Parties Column may have an error plus or minus 1 because the question of National list MPs is yet to be settled.

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