

TIME TO WITHDRAW

The root cause of India's dilemma in Sri Lanka ("Communication Gap", June 15) is a lack of understanding of the reasons for the ethnic conflict. At the time of signing the accord, the Indian authorities had not bargained for such a long stint in Sri Lanka, nor the casualties of 1,000 personnel and the Rs 500 crore expense incurred. Experts should analyse the situation afresh.

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■ It is high time we withdrew our troops from Sri Lanka ("Charting a New Course", May 31). If India had opted for UN forces instead of sending its jawans, the present situation could have been averted. The island nation needs India's support and not her troops to settle the ethnic strife.

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