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(From K. Thambirajah, our Trincomalee correspondent)

The third batch of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees from India arrived at Prima Jetty, China Bay on Saturday morning on board a special vessel.

There were 707 members from 226 families of whom 51 families are those of government servants. 176 families from Trincomalee District alone. Others are from Vavuniya and Mannar districts.

They were received on arrival by Government Agent, Trincomalee W. Godawela, Co-ordinating Officer Brig. Siri Peris and other officials and taken in buses to Uppuveli Transit Camp and pro-

vided with meals. The refugees expressed satisfaction over the way the Indian Government had treated them and said they were happy that they were able to return.

Among the refugees was one Prabhakaran an eighteen-year-old youth from Trincomalee who attracted much attention due to the importance the name has assumed now and a ninety-year-old woman.

Messrs K. S. Johnny, District Revenue Officer for Rehabilitation, Tamil Nadu Government, Dr. Vararapragasa, Deputy Secretary and S. Radhakrishnan, undersecretary of the Tamil Nadu government were among other Indian Government officials accompanying the refugees.