



PRESS RELEASE

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S ASSISTANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF
TYPHOON HAIYAN**

Government of India has sent a special Indian Air Force C-130 aircraft carrying the first batch of relief supplies, which reached the Mactan International Airport, Cebu today morning. The 20 tons of relief supplies contain medicines, blankets, bedding equipment, tentage, ready-to-eat meals & cooking vessels. The relief supplies container was handed over to Mr. Marcial Fernandez, Assistant Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare & Development by Wg. Cdr S. G. Mohan of Indian Air Force at 1415 hrs in Cebu. The Indian Aircraft would deliver the relief supplies at Tacloban on 16 November 2013.

In addition to the above relief supplies, another batch of relief material along with a relief team of the National Disaster Relief Fund is also being proposed to be sent as per the requirement of the Government of the Philippines, who have been requested to communicate the desired relief items.

Hon'ble President of India H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee expressed the deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences for the loss of life and destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan and assuring extending all possible assistance on behalf of the people and Government of India in a letter to the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Manmohan Singh, in a letter to the President of the Philippines, conveyed the deepest condolences of the people of India on the catastrophe and expressed distraught on the scale and severity of the death and destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan. He also expressed readiness of the Government of India to provide all help to support the relief and rehabilitation work.

H.E. Mr. Salman Khurshid Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs wrote a letter to his counterpart H.E. Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs expressing deep sadness and anguish on the scale of devastation by the ferocity and impact of Typhoon Haiyan. He has also sent assurances of the Government and the people of India for extending support and assistance.

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