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Relief and Support being Offered by India to Sri Lanka

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India is extending help and relief to Sri Lanka which is battling torrential rains and landslides which have caused significant devastation and loss of life. The Indian Navy is sending two ships today, INS Sutlej and INS Sunanyana with Geminis (inflatable boats), OBMs (outboard motors), additional divers, tarpaulins, consumable stores, rations, etc.

The Home Ministry held a meeting today at 10 a.m. on coordinating an airlift with NDMA cargo. In the meeting they assessed quantity of relief material required. All the material will be collected in Delhi by 2 p.m. and a C-17 aircraft with crew and officials from NDMA and NDRF will leave at 3 p.m., halt at Chennai to pick up additional material and head to Colombo. It will reach in the evening today carrying medical supplies, tarpaulins, tents, emergency lights consumables stores, and mobile toilets. The Ministry is in constant touch with our High Commission for any additional logistical support that might be required.

Sri Lanka is a close neighbour and friend and India has always been the first responder in times of a crisis. As was the case during the Tsunami that affected Sri Lanka in the past, this time also India will extend all necessary help and relief to Sri Lanka, as requested.

New Delhi

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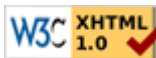
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