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India raises flood relief assistance to Pakistan from USD 5 mn to USD 25 mn

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Mr SM Krishna, Minister of External Affairs had telephoned the Foreign Minister of Pakistan on August 13, 2010, and conveyed deepest sympathies and condolences to the people and Government of Pakistan, on the massive floods in Pakistan, on behalf of the people and Government of India. As a gesture of solidarity with the people of Pakistan, the Minister had also conveyed Government's offer of assistance of US \$ 5 million for provision of relief material from India for the flood victims in Pakistan.

Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh called Prime Minister of Pakistan Yusuf Raza Gilani on August 19, 2010, to express his sorrow and to condole the deaths resulting from the floods in Pakistan. Prime Minister had also conveyed that the Government of India had already made an offer of assistance and was ready to do more to assist in the relief effort.

As a more concrete assessment of the damage inflicted by this natural disaster and the urgent needs of the people of Pakistan emerges, Government of India has decided to increase its assistance to Pakistan from 5 million US Dollars, announced earlier, to 25 million US Dollars. Out of this amount, 20 million US Dollars would be contributed to the 'Pakistan Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan' launched by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The balance of 5 million US Dollars would be contributed to the World Food Programme for its relief efforts in Pakistan.

Encl: Text of Mr Krishna's statement in Lok Sabha

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