

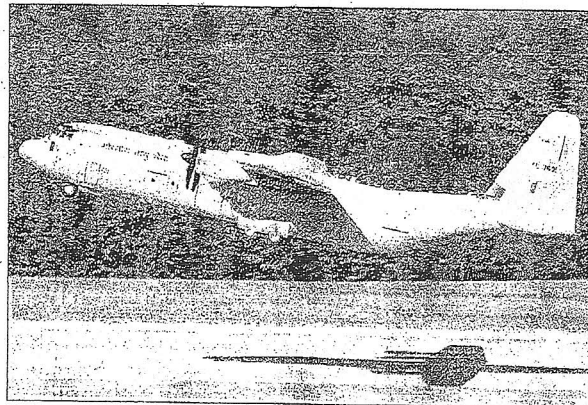
INDIA RUSHES FOOD AND MEDICINES FOR CYCLONE-HIT *IAF aircraft with relief items sent to Philippines*

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The government today sent a relief package to Cyclone *Haiyan* affected people in the Philippines by an Indian Air Force (IAF) C 130 J transport aircraft to Mactan.

The relief material includes medicines, chemicals, tentage, blankets, tarpaulins and ready-to-eat meals which would help meet the urgent needs for life-saving medical care, food supplies and construction of temporary shelters in the face of a serious humanitarian crisis.

The eastern coast of



Philippines was severely battered by Cyclone *Haiyan* recently. Over 10,000 people are feared dead and about four million people have been

affected. India had provided aid to Philippines in 2006 as well. Plans are underway to further supplement the effort and provide additional relief

material through an Indian naval ship that will set sail at the earliest. The UN said the death toll from a super typhoon in the Philippines was at least 4,460, citing regional officials, but the national disaster council maintained a much lower figure.

The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said the number of 4,460 was given from the taskforce of the Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council on Wednesday.