

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

East Pakistan Flood Disaster

Following the disastrous floods in East Pakistan, the Ministry of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs has recommended that some assistance should be given by Government to alleviate the widespread suffering of many thousands of survivors in the devastated area.

In addition to the humanitarian aspect of the proposal, it is submitted that the friendly relations existing between Malta and Pakistan, another Commonwealth country, call for a token gesture of solidarity from Government and a donation of say, £2,000, has been suggested.

A similar contribution (£2,000) was approved by Cabinet last year in the case of the Tunisian floods, when it was considered that the General Financial Regulations, 1966, prohibit the donation of Government stores and equipment to foreign Governments.

Ministers are invited to consider whether a donation for relief purposes is to be made to the Government of Pakistan and, if so, to decide on the amount in question.

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