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Deepak Obhrai on natural disasters in Jammu and Kashmir and in Sri Lanka

(OTTAWA) The Honourable Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, today made the following statement in the House of Commons:

“On October 15th I visited Jammu and Kashmir in India. On my visit I announced Canadian support to communities affected by devastating floods through providing clean water sanitation units for approximately 20,000 families for a year through GlobalMedic, a Canadian NGO.

I was saddened to witness the crushing devastation caused by the disaster. I visited a Gurdwara in Srinagar and was impressed at how the community had converted their temple into a large and effective relief centre to assist those displaced by the floods.

Mr. Speaker, recently another natural disaster struck South Asia.

On Wednesday, a devastating landslide in Sri Lanka destroyed over 63 homes, damaging over 140, with 192 people missing and at least 15 confirmed dead.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to convey my heartfelt condolences to all of those affected by this terrible tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.”

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