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PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister has sent the following message to the Prime Minister of India:

It was with a sense of deep shock that I have learnt of the full dimensions of the Chasnala coal mine disaster on December 27.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Australia I should like to extend our heart felt-sympathy to the Government of India and the families of those who have lost their lives in this national disaster.

If there is any particular form of assistance you require in connection with the disaster we stand ready to assist.

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