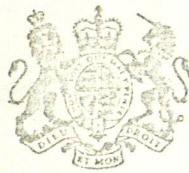


o/s

Subjecta
Sri Lanka
Relations
May 1979



CF00 B

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T188/82

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 October 1982

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 10 September about the proposed International Year for the Homeless.

Like you, I welcome the attention that the International Year will focus on the plight of the homeless in the world. We continue to respond to requests for assistance in this area from developing countries.

As you know, in addition to the assistance we provide bilaterally, Britain is a major contributor to multilateral agencies within the UN system. At a time when there are already many heavy demands on our aid programme, including of course such major projects as the Victoria Dam, I am afraid that we are unlikely to be able to make an additional contribution towards the costs of an International Year. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more helpful reply.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Hon. R. Premadasa, M.P.