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INDIA-CANADA ATOMIC PACTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on November 15 that representatives of the Governments of India and Canada had concluded and initialled in Ottawa two atomic-energy agreements of far-reaching significance to both countries. Formal signing will take place shortly in New Delhi.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

One agreement is between the atomic-energy authorities of the two countries, which will freely exchange scientific and technical information that has already been obtained, or may be obtained during the period of the agreement, in regard to the development of heavy-water-moderated reactor systems. Either party will, if requested by the other, furnish information and detailed design data, including plans and working drawings regarding the design and construction of nuclear-power stations of the heavy-water type. Initially, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited will supply the Indian Atomic Energy Department with detailed design data, including working drawings, relating to the CANDU reactor and the Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station now under construction in Canada.

This agreement will run for a period of eight years and may be extended by mutual agreement. During the early years of the agreement, valuable information already developed as a result of Canada's special experience in heavy-water systems will be transferred to the Government of India for full commercial use in India. This information, which has been valued by the Government of India at \$5 million, is to be transferred without cost to India and without deduction from Colombo Plan or other assistance.

NEW NUCLEAR-POWER STATION

Under another agreement between the two governments, Canada and India will co-operate in the construction of a nuclear-power station of the CANDU type with a net electrical output of 200 megawatts to be located at Rana Pratap Sagar, Rajasthan State, in India. The Indian Department of Atomic Energy will act as prime contractors and be responsible for the erection of the station. Canada will provide the design with detailed working drawings and specifications of the station up to the steam-raising equipment, while India will provide the design for the rest of the station.

Half the initial charge of uranium fuel (at current prices, this amount would be worth about \$2.1 million) will be procured from Canada. Canada will also supply such additional fuel for the station as may be required by India from time to time, provided that Canadian fuel is not more expensive than other foreign fuel.

CREDIT FACILITIES

The Government of Canada will provide, under the Export Credits Insurance Act, credit facilities for the purchase of services, material and equipment supplied from Canada, which is estimated to cost approximately \$35 million. The total cost of the project is about \$70 million.

This station will make a valuable contribution to the power needs of a vital region in India. Canada and India have agreed to exchange information regarding its operation and that of its counterpart, the Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station, now under construction in Canada. They have also agreed

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