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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green announced today that agreement has been reached concerning the use which is to be made of \$2,000,000 which will be provided under Canada's 1959-60 Colombo Plan Capital Assistance Programme for Ceylon, and \$1,290,000 which constitutes a portion of the 1958-59 Programme.

These funds, totalling \$3,290,000, will be used to provide the following commodities, equipment and services requested by the Government of Ceylon to help it carry forward its economic development plan:

- \$1,000,000 to provide flour to assist in meeting Ceylon's food requirements;
- \$1,615,000 to assist in the expansion of a power plant and the construction of power transmission lines;
- \$ 75,000 to continue the provision of telecommunication equipment for Colombo Airport;
- \$ 600,000 to continue an aerial survey of Ceylon's natural resources.

In addition to these Capital Aid allocations, Canada is continuing its programme of technical cooperation in Ceylon as part of its overall Colombo Plan Programme for South and South-East Asia.