THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MR. K.N. KAUL, AND MR. L.P. MATHUR AND MR. B.S. NEGI, MEMBERS OF MR. MALAVIYA'S DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN IN CANADA FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON A TECHNICAL MISSION. MR. R.B. TOOMBS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS HAS BEEN ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THEIR TRIP. THEY WILL JOIN MR. MALAVIYA AND DR. KRISHNAN IN WESTERN CANADA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS MADE EXTENSIVE PLANS TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP AN OIL INDUSTRY WITHIN INDIA. CANADA HAS ALREADY PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THIS PROGRAMME IN THE FORM OF TWO MAGNETOMETER SURVEYS, WHICH WERE GIVEN UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN. ONE OF THESE WAS AN AERIAL MAGNETOMETER SURVEY TO SURVEY MINERAL RESOURCES, IN PARTICULAR PETROLEUM IN RAJASTHAN, CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. A SURVEY WAS ALSO MADE THIS SPRING OF THE GANGES BASIN.