

ARRIVAL STATEMENTS

It is indeed a pleasure to greet you in New Delhi. You have seen India perhaps as no other outsider has, travelling third-class and doing many things which others normally don't. But in these last two days perhaps you have sensed something of the change and excitement through which this country is passing today. The tasks which confront us are of incomparable magnitude because of our numbers, and also because we are at a time when all the inevitable conflicts; the conflict between the generations; the conflict between tradition and modernity; the conflicts generated by disparities and inequalities; are at their peak. We welcome you as a leader of a nation with whom we have a warm and growing friendship and as a statesman whose vision, dynamism and perceptive involvement with the future have a relevance beyond the borders of Canada. Your visit brings Canada closer to our people. We have been looking forward to your coming and we wish you and your party an interesting and enjoyable stay with us.

Prime Minister Gandhi

