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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada would provide aid to India under the Colombo Plan for three new projects. These include diesel generating sets for supplying power to rural areas in India, an aerial magnetometer survey to survey mineral resources, particularly petroleum in Rajasthan, and two Beaver aircraft to be used for aerial spraying of insecticides as a means of controlling pests which are injurious to crops.

The Canadian Government has allocated three million dollars for the diesel generating sets, \$150,000, including \$25,000 from counterpart funds, for the aerial magnetometer survey, and \$160,000 for the Beaver aircraft.

The cost of the generating sets will be met from funds which were available from previous years and the aerial magnetometer survey and the Beaver aircraft projects will be financed out of funds available to India for 1955-56. The generating sets and Beaver aircraft will be manufactured in Canada. The aerial magnetometer survey will be carried out by a Canadian company.

Negotiations have been taking place between the Canadian Government and the Indian Government concerning other projects which may be suitable for inclusion in the Canadian aid programme for the current fiscal year.

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