



ATOMIC REACTOR AGREEMENT SIGNED

The High Commissioner for Canada in India, Mr. Escott Reid, left, and the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Nehru, sign the intergovernmental agreement on the Canada-India atomic reactor project.

Arrangements have been made to send an adequate number of selected Indian technical personnel to Canada to obtain first hand experience and training in the operation of the NRX reactor at Chalk River, the Canadian Government's atomic energy establishment. Indian technical personnel will also be seconded to the engineering staff in Canada which is designing the reactor, the steel rotunda and the reactor foundations.

Thus, Canada, through the agency of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, will provide Indian scientists and engineers with every opportunity to become fully familiar with all aspects of the work. The visit of Indian scientists and engineers to Canada will be paid for by Canada under its normal technical assistance programme.

The Canada-India Atomic Reactor will add an advanced and versatile research facility to India's atomic energy programme. It is specifically designed to provide excellent facilities for fundamental research in physical, chemical, biological, and metallurgical problems relating to atomic energy. It is an efficient producer of radio-active isotopes for use in medical therapy, agriculture, and industry and for tracer element studies in chemical, biological, and medical research.

Above all, the reactor is specially suited for making engineering studies and research on reactor materials which can be tested under the conditions