



Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. R.L. Rogers presents his credentials to Vice-President Jatti, discharging the functions of President of India.



Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. R.L. Rogers seen talking to Vice-President Jatti and Mr. V.K. Ahuja, Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs after the presentation of credentials ceremony on September 24.



Mr. Rogers reviewing the guard of honour prior to presenting his credentials.



Members of Mr. Rogers party, accompanied by senior officers of the Ministry of External Affairs, proceeding to the reception hall in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Canada's New High Commissioner Presents Credentials

Canada's new High Commissioner to India, Mr. R.L. Rogers, has said that Canada attaches great importance to its relationship with India which plays a major role in world events. On presentation of his credentials on September 24 to Vice-President Jatti, discharging the functions of the President, Mr. Rogers remarked that Canadians have always felt a lively sympathy for India as the first major country to emerge from colonialism into the Commonwealth after World War II and as the main exponent of the democratic way of life among other emerging states since then. Mr. Rogers said that India's leadership and wisdom in the global quest for economic progress and human dignity was one which Canadians appreciated.

In his speech before Vice-President Jatti, Mr. Rogers said that more and more Canadians realized that India has become a major economic and trading partner which can stand on its own two feet in the market places of the world. Canadians he said wanted to be associated with India's development and will seek to cooperate in those areas where Canadian experience and capabilities may be useful. He identified the agricultural sector as one in which global solutions must be found. The new Canadian representative in India saw as a sign of maturity and durability of relations between India and Canada that the two countries while possessing distinctive national interests and objectives, which could not always be expected to coincide in all particulars, continue to treat each other as true friends. The High Commissioner noted the establishment of a congenial relationship by the Prime Ministers of the two countries during the recent Commonwealth meeting in London.

Mr. Rogers is a career diplomat who has served in the Canadian Foreign Service since 1946. He has served as Ambassador to Israel and to Yugoslavia and was Director-General of the Bureau of Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Canadian Department of External Affairs before being named High Commissioner to India.