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AID TO INDIA

A Statement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard C. Green, to the House of Commons on January 19, 1960.

I have a short statement to make concerning Canadian Colombo Plan aid to India.

The House will wish to know that, under the 1959-60 Colombo Plan Programme, Canada has agreed to make available to India \$25 million, which will be used to provide Canadian commodities and equipment requested by the Indian Government to help carry forward its second Five-Year Development Plan.

This \$25 million will be used for the following purposes: \$11.5 million for the provision of industrial metals including aluminum, copper and nickel which are required to maintain an adequate level of industrial activity and employment for the balance of the current five-year plan; \$7 million for the provision of wheat to meet urgent food shortages; \$2.55 million for fertilizers which will be used to help meet one of India's most urgent problems, increased production of food; \$2 million which will be used to purchase diesel locomotives; \$130,000 for three Cobalt Beam-Therapy units; \$700,000 for further work on the \$8.7 million Canada-India reactor which is being built near Bombay; \$250,000 for radio-teletype equipment to assist India in expansion of its meteorological facilities; \$120,000 for raw asbestos required for the construction of factories and industrial housing; \$750,000 which will be used to carry out feasibility studies on four hydro-electric projects which India has requested Canada to consider for financing under the Colombo Plan.

In addition to the foregoing capital aid allocations, Canada is continuing its programme of technical co-operation in India as part of its over-all Colombo Plan programme for South and Southeast Asia.

With reference to the 1958-59 programme for India, it has now been agreed that \$380,000 which had not been allocated to specific projects in that programme will be used to provide \$250,000 worth of copper and \$130,000 worth of equipment for a scheme to improve the milk distribution system in Calcutta.

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