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The Department of External Affairs announced today that agreement has been reached between the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Canada for co-operation under the Colombo Plan in the provision of a thermal station for generating electric power at Khulna in East Pakistan. The Canadian Government has agreed to participate in financing the external costs for the erection and construction of the steam generating station. As its contribution Canada will provide generating units and other related equipment as well as the services of Canadian engineering personnel to carry out the design and supervision of installation of the power station. The estimated total of the external costs for which Canada will assume responsibility is two million dollars.

Pakistan will take care of all local costs involved in the project including all preliminary construction work and the provision of local labour and materials.

When the power plant is completed at Khulna it will have a capacity of 20-thousand kilowatts of power. The power will be employed for important industrial and agricultural uses in East Pakistan.
