

the potential exists for Bombardier to work with you as full partners to meet your next generation engine requirements.

Bombardier's mass transit division is also with us today. Bombardier offers a full range of urban transport equipment through its worldwide net of manufacturing licences and joint venture partners.

Leading edge technology is a critical factor in the successful formation of a true partnership. I am pleased to introduce today the Urban Transportation Development Corporation or UTDC, which leads the world in advanced light rapid transit system technology. Together with an Indian partner, this unique technology and UTDC's wide experience with all forms of urban transit can be adapted to meet India's specialized requirements.

These Canadian firms are fully aware that a full partnership enabling maximum indigenization should be the key factor in India's urban transportation planning. I have reminded Minister Scindia of Canada's invitation to host a team of Indian officers to examine first hand how Canada plans, builds and manages our urban transportation systems and equipment. Our systems function perfectly in snow and cold weather as well as heat and rain, so the visit can take place at any time of the year.

CANAC, who is with us today, is also well known in your rail sector, largely due to its work in the development of your traffic management system. Throughout my visit, people have remarked not only on CANAC's state-of-the-art technology but also its efficiency in addressing a full range of problems related to the railway industry. They are now hopeful of applying their extensive skills in fibre optic railway communications to the needs of Indian Rail.

It may surprise you, however, to learn that Canada has the world's fifth largest aerospace industry and the second largest fleet of commercial helicopters in the world. In meeting our air transport needs, Canada has developed unique technologies for short-take-off and landing aircraft and amphibian turbo-props. The de Havilland Aircraft Company produces a number of commuter aircraft and is well known in India. De Havilland's Dash 8, a state-of-the-art, wide-bodied commuter aircraft, is ideally suited to India's requirements. Canada believes that intensified cooperation between de Havilland and Vayudoot will be of benefit to both Canada and India. I had an excellent discussion on this subject with Minister Tytler this