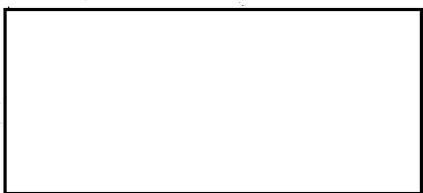


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India-USSR: Recent reports in the Indian press suggest that the USSR may soon make a firm offer of aid in constructing India's first nuclear-powered electric generating station, a 250,000-kilowatt plant reportedly planned for the Ahmedabad area in Bombay State. These reports may have been given publicity by Indian officials in the hope of inducing the West to make equally firm offers of aid in this field. The USSR's top atomic energy expert is expected to arrive in India shortly, and Khrushchev's visit to India, scheduled to begin on 11 February, may provide the occasion for an announcement of atomic aid.

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USSR May Offer to Assist Construction of Atomic Power Plant in India

Recent press reports in India state that the Indian Government is considering a Soviet offer to provide "technical and financial assistance" for the construction of India's first nuclear-power electric generating station, a 250,000-kilowatt plant reportedly planned for the Ahmedabad area in Bombay State. To date there has been no confirmation that any firm offer of aid has been made, and the US Embassy in New Delhi has suggested that these reports may have been circulated by India's AEC chairman in the hope of inducing the West to make firm offers for such construction.

The British, who are concerned over the possible consequences to the West if the USSR should make a more attractive bid, have shown a keen desire in conversations thus far to assist the Indians in the atomic field. The Indian Government, in conversations with US and British officials, has given indications that it would prefer this first plant to be built under Western aegis, although it might be willing to accept Soviet assistance for a second or third plant.

Notwithstanding this reported Indian preference, the expected arrival in India during early February of the USSR's top expert on nonmilitary uses of atomic energy suggests that the press reports have some substance. The Khrushchev visit to India, scheduled to begin 11 February, may provide the USSR with an occasion to announce a firm offer of nuclear aid to India.

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