

original Colombo Plan. Viewed thus, the revised total for the Six Year Plan is not surprising. It covers not only the additional outlays mentioned above, but also the entire outlay on schemes which are, so to speak, carried over from the Five Year Plan to the sixth year, viz.,

Despite the increase in outlay, it is reported that the revised Six Year Plan for India depends on foreign assistance to the same extent as the original plan, that is to say, to the extent of Rs 810 crores. Considering the prevailing economic trends, it seems incredible that the estimate of internal financial resources of the public sector should be stepped up so high. Part of it is, however, illusory; for certain existing items of expenditure were included in the Five Year Plan, and the necessary provision made for them taken on the resources side—thus inflating both the expenditure and resources estimates. Since presumably the Five Year Plan estimates have been used as the basis, these inflating elements have been carried into the sixth year also, so that the resources, equivalent to the increase in aggregate outlay, does not in itself suggest that new measures for augmenting internal resources have been incorporated in the report. It may, nevertheless, be difficult to keep foreign assistance down to the proposed level, for the outlook has changed for the worse since the Planning Commission made the financial estimates.

What revisions the plans of the other countries have undergone is not yet known. It is not expected, however, that the external assistance required for financing the revised Colombo Plan will be any larger than that for the original plan, that is Rs 1,090 crores. Assistance received in 1951-52 by these countries amounted in terms of rupees to about Rs 220 crores, consisting of grants from Australia (\$A8.75 million), Canada (\$C 25 million), New Zealand (\$NZ 1 million) and USA (\$150 million) and loans from USA of \$280 million. Considering the uncertainties regarding internal resources and upward revision of the size of plans, foreign assistance at the 1951-52 rate will certainly be required in the coming years; it may have to be stepped up considerably.

Internal Combustion Engines

A SYMPOSIUM on internal combustion engines industry in India will be held this week at the Indian Institute of Science,

Bangalore, under the joint auspices of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Indian Institute of Science.

Experts from the National Laboratories, members of the International Combustion Engines Research Committee and investigators-in-charge of the research schemes of

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Papers on design trends, production techniques, fuel and material problems, component manufacture, organisation of research and technical aid to industry are expected to be presented.

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