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Canadian High Commission Counselor Eric Wang recently commented briefly on an inspection last week of the RAPP I site by a Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board team. Wang said the team expressed general satisfaction at the progress of construction, despite the fact the station is well behind schedule. It was the team concensus that the project was now at the same stage Douglas Point was three years before it went critical. This would mean a late 1971 commissioning at the very earliest.

Wang also quoted Canadian engineers at the RAPP I site as stating that with the best of effort the Indians would be unable to commission the first unit at Kalpakkam before 1976. The GOI publicly continues to use 1971 as the target date.

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