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The Government have decided to change the names of the Head of the three Fighting Services.

Before August 15, 1947, the three Services, the Navy, the Army and the Air Force were under the Command of the Commander-in-Chief in India. Since that date, the head of each Service has been independent of the other and has been known respectively as the Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, The Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, and Air Marshal Commanding, Royal Indian Air Force.

For the sake of uniformity, the Government has now decided to change their designations and hereafter, they will be known as Chief of Naval Staff and Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy, Chief of the Army Staff and Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, and Chief of the Air Staff and Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Air Force.

The decision comes into effect from today.

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