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FIRST BATCH OF IAF MASTER WARRANT OFFICERS

New Delhi, February 14.- The names of the first batch of substantive Warrant Officers of the Indian Air Force who have been appointed to the newly established rank of Master Warrant Officers have been announced by Air Headquarters, New Delhi.

They are: Warrant Officers K.P. Kukreja  
Makhan Lal  
M.C. George  
R. Mukherjee  
A.G. Sen Gupta  
P.P. Nair  
J. Chandra  
J.T. Bajpai  
R.L. Raghavan  
G. Singh  
D.S.R. Nair  
S.L. Sharma

The rank of Master Warrant Officer will be reckoned as the highest non-commissioned rank in the Air Force and, for purposes of status, an M.W.O. will be equivalent to a junior commissioned officer in the Army. The rank-braid of a M.W.O. consists of a commissioned pilot officer's shoulder or sleeve stripe, superimposed by a Warrant Officer badge.

This first batch of M.W.O's has been selected from the trades which include Fitters, Wireless Operator Mechanics, Equipment Assistants and Clerks (General Duties). Further selection for M.W.Os from other trade groups, including Air Force Police and Education Instructors, are expected to be made in the near future.