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MAJ.-GEN. B.M. RAO NEXT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES.

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Maj.-Gen. B.M. Rao, Director of Medical Services, Army, and senior-most officer in the Army Medical Corps, has been selected for appointment as Director-General of Armed Forces Medical Services in the rank of Lt.-General. He will succeed Lt.-Gen. B. Chaudhuri, who is due to retire from service on October 16, 1959.

A graduate of the Madras Medical College, Maj.-Gen. Rao was commissioned in the late Indian Medical Service in 1926. Ten years later, he attended courses at the R.A.M.C. Depot, Crookham, and the R.A.M.C. college, Milbank, in the U.K. During 1939-1942, he served as Medical Officer at Khorasam in Persia in the External Affairs Department of the Government of India. From 1943, he served with the Paiforce in various appointments till his return to India after the War early in 1946.

In the post-War years, he commanded the AMC Training Centre, Poona, and served as Assistant Director of Medical Services in the Punjab and Delhi as well as in Jammu and Kashmir, where he was mentioned in despatches. In 1949, he was sent on deputation to Geneva to attend the Red Cross Convention. When he returned to India, he took over as commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College when it was formally established in Poona.

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