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PRESS NOTE

HIGHER RANK FOR AIR CHIEF

LF's First Air Chief Marshal

The post of the Chief of the Air Staff has been upgraded from the rank of Air Marshal to Air Chief Marshal which corresponds to the Army rank of General.

The grant of higher rank to the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh, takes effect from January 15, 1966.

The post of the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, which hitherto carried Air Vice-Marshal's rank, has also been upgraded to the next higher rank of Air Marshal. The same date of January 15, 1966 applies to the promotion of the VCAS, Air Marshal P.C. Lal, DFC.

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Biographical sketches of Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh and Air Marshal Lal, ~~are~~ attached.

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