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AIR MARSHAL H.N. CHATTERJI - NEW DEPUTY AIR CHIEF

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Three new postings and one promotion of senior Air Force officers were announced here this morning. Air Marshal H.N. Chatterji has been appointed the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff in place of Air Marshal O.P. Mehra who has gone on deputation as Chairman, HAL. He was Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command.

Air Vice Marshal H.C. Dewan, who was AOC-in-C., Maintenance Command, has been posted as AOC-in-C, Eastern Air Command and has been promoted to the rank of Air Marshal. Air Vice Marshal G.B. Singh, who was Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Logistics and Maintenance) has been posted as AOC-in-C., Maintenance Command. Air Marshal Chatterji was born on March 1, 1918 and joined the Air Force in 1940. He saw active service in the Burma operations and was awarded the DFC. Amongst the many important operational and staff appointments, which he has held are the command of Air Force Station Palam, Senior Air Staff Officer at Training Command, Air Officer-in-Charge Administration, and Air Officer, Policy & Plans at Air Headquarters and AOC-in-C., Maintenance Command.

He was also our Air Adviser to U.K.

Air Vice Marshal Dewan, ~~an~~ ~~keen~~ pilot and a good administrator, who has been promoted to the rank of Air Marshal, has held many important appointments like the Command of Air Force Flying College, Jodhpur, Senior Air Staff Officer, Operational Command, Director of Operations at Air Headquarters and AOC-in-C., Central Air Command.

Air Vice Marshal G.B. Singh is the senior most officer in the Equipment Branch of the Indian Air Force and was commissioned in December 1941. He has vast experience of service in units, Air Force squadrons, formations and at Air Headquarters. He also represented the IAF at Director General of Equipment's Conference held in 1948 at the Air Ministry, London. He is the first officer of the Equipment Branch to be appointed as the AOC-in-C., Maintenance Command.

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