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ARMY CHIEF WELCOMES RETURNING INDIAN POWs

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The Chief of the Army Staff, General S.H.F.J. Manekshaw, has welcomed the Indian prisoners-of-war who returned to Delhi today and assured them of maximum comfort and consideration.

In a message which was conveyed to the POWs at the Reception Camp set up for them at the Delhi Cantonment, General Manekshaw said: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back home after your period of captivity in Pakistan. You have returned to a grateful nation which is so conscious of the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces in achieving the victory last year. The people have already amply demonstrated their love and affection for you.

"I am glad that you are back with us and you will soon be rejoining your comrades-in-arms. I have issued orders to dispense with the formalities of routine enquiries. After necessary administrative arrangements and de-briefing, each one of you will be sent home on leave for a minimum period of two months. Both you and your family richly deserve this. During the short time that you will be staying in Delhi, my staff would ensure that you and your families visiting you, are given maximum comfort and consideration.

"It is wonderful to have you back with us."

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