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NEW ARMY COMMANDERS ANNOUNCED

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The Govt have announced the appointments of Lt Gen SF Rodrigues and Lt Gen FN Bilimoria as GOC-in-C, Western Command and Central Command respectively with effect from November 01, 1989.

Lt Gen SF Rodrigues, who is GOC-in-C, Central Command, was Commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in December 1952 and is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. His important appointments include Command of a Mountain Brigade, Chief Instructor Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Command of a Division in a High Altitude area, Director General Military Training at Army Headquarters and Command of a Corps in the Northern Sector. He was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal in 1972. He attended the prestigious Royal College of Defence Studies Course in United Kingdom in 1978.

Lt Gen Rodrigues, who is also Senior Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Artillery, was awarded Param Vishisht Sewa Medal by the President in 1988 for distinguished service of the most exceptional order.

Lt Gen FN Bilimoria was commissioned on June 07, 1953 in the Fifth Gorkha Rifles. A graduate from the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, he has held various important appointments. He was ADC to the President of India from January 1959 to May 1961. He moved with his battalion to **Congo** and served with the United Nations Forces during 1962-63. Later, in October 1969 he commanded the second Battalion of the fifth Gorkha Rifles and saw action in the 1971 operations. He was Indian Army Liaison Officer in the School of Infantry, Warminster, UK for

three years from 1973. As a Brigadier, he commanded an Infantry Brigade in Rajasthan, and was Brigadier General Staff of a Corps in the Northern Sector and Deputy General Officer Commanding of an Infantry Division in the Northern Sector.

On promotion to the rank of Major General, he first commanded a Mountain Division in the Eastern Sector and later was Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor in the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun. He was also Commandant, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. Presently he is General Officer Commanding of a Corps in the Western Sector.

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