

The Commanders-In-Chief (Change in Designation) Act, 1955

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[ACT NO.19 OF 1955]

[3rd May, 1955]

An Act to amend certain enactments for the purpose of changing the designation of the Commanders-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.

(1) This Act may be called the Commanders-in-Chief (Change in Designation) Act, 1955.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Amendment of certain enactments.

The enactments specified in the Schedule are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner specified in the fourth column thereof.

3. Construction of references to Commanders-in-Chief in enactments or instruments.

Any reference, by whatever form of words, to the Commander-in-Chief of the regular Army, the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force, in any law for the time being in force, or in any instrument or other document, shall be construed as a reference to the Chief of the Army Staff, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Chief of the Air Staff respectively.

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(See section 2)

Year	No.	Short title	Amendments
1	2	3	4
1881	13	The Fort William Act, 1881.	In section 3, for the words 'The Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army', the words 'The Chief of the Army Staff' shall be substituted.
1934	34	The Indian Navy (Discipline) Act, 1934.	Throughout the Act, for the words 'the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Navy' wherever they occur, the words 'the Chief of the Naval Staff' shall be substituted.
1948	31	The National	In sub-section (I) of section 12, for clauses (e), (f) and (g), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely :- "(e) the Chief of

		Cadet Corps Act, 1948.	the Army Staff, ex officio; (f) the Chief of the Naval Staff, ex officio; (g) the Chief of the Air Staff, ex officio;
1950	45	The Air Force Act, 1950.	(1) In section 4, for clause (xiv), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- (xiv) 'chief of the Air Staff' means the officer commanding the Air Force;". (2) Throughout the Act, unless otherwise expressly provided, for the words 'the Commander-in-Chief', wherever they occur, the words 'the Chief of the Air Staff' shall be substituted.
1950	46	The Army Act, 1950	(1) In section 3, for clause (iv), the following clause shall be substituted, namely;- "(iv) 'Chief of the Army Staff' means the officer commanding the regular Army ;". (2) Throughout the Act, unless otherwise expressly provided, for the words 'the Commander-in-Chief', wherever they occur, the words 'the Chief of the Army Staff' shall be substituted.
1943	30	The Indian Military Nursing Service Ordinance, 1943.	In sections 7 and 11, for the words 'Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army' the words 'Chief of the Army Staff', shall be substituted.