

100 crore rupees to 10,000 crore rupees in coming years.

■ **Govt Widens Eligibility for Appointing New Chief of Defence Staff**

The Ministry of Defence has issued three separate notifications amending the rules of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force for the appointment of the next Chief of Defence Staff, CDS. Serving three-star Lieutenant General in Army, Air Marshal in Air Force and Vice-Admiral in Navy or retired Service Chiefs or three-star officers can be appointed Chief of Defence Staff if considered necessary in the public interest. The officers should not have attained the age of 62 years. The CDS post has been lying vacant since the passing away of General Bipin Rawat who lost his life in a chopper crash in Tamil Nadu on 8th December last year.