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■ Defence Ministry Approves Enhanced Maternity Benefits for Women in Armed Forces

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has given the nod to an extension of rules regarding Maternity, Child Care, and Child Adoption Leaves for women soldiers, sailors, and air warriors in the Armed Forces, bringing them in line with their officer counterparts. The new rules ensure that the granting of such leaves is universally applicable to all women in the military, regardless of their rank. This initiative aligns with the ongoing paradigm shift initiated by the three Services, including soldiers, sailors, and air warriors, to enhance gender inclusivity in the military.