

The offices of the Defence Ministry, the three Service Headquarters and all Defence establishments in Delhi were closed today after 11.30 A.M. as a mark of respect to the six deceased officers.

The Defence Minister, Shri Y.B. Chavan, today called on the families of Lt.Gen. Daulet Singh, Maj.Gen. N.K.D. Nanawati and Brig. S.R. Uberoi.

The body of Flt.Lt. Sodhi was this morning flown in a Service aircraft to Amritsar for cremation. Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Defence Minister, Chief of the Air Staff, Defence Secretary and the Adjutant General at the Army Headquarters.

The Defence Minister has addressed personal letters of sympathy to the next of kin of all the deceased officers.

An inquiry into the air crash has already been ordered and the members of the Court of Inquiry have left for Jammu.

It is understood that Lt.Gen. Daulet Singh and Air Vice Marshal were in Delhi on the morning of the air crash and left in an I.A.F. Dakota for Jammu where they were joined by other officers.

The inauguration of Defence Ministry's Ordnance Cable Factory at Chandigarh which was scheduled for this morning has been cancelled.

The prize distribution by the Chief of the Army Staff to the winners and runners-up of the Army Headquarters Pistol Shooting Competition fixed for today has been postponed.

The finals of the Delhi and Rajasthan Area Athletics which were to be played today have also been postponed.

The reception in connection with the celebrations of the Territorial Army and Auxiliary Air Force Day fixed for November 24 have been postponed.

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