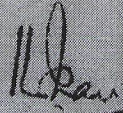


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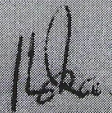
The undersigned is directed to circulate a copy of a Press Note regarding the status of the Members of the Council of Ministers.


(K. C. Nair)
for Secretary to the Cabinet.

To

All Members of the Council of Ministers.

Copy with a copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Secretary to the President/the Private Secretary to the Vice-President/the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister/the Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, for information.


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PRESS NOTE.

There have so far been within the Council of Ministers three classes of Ministers, namely Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers. The recent re-designation of the senior Ministers as Ministers of Cabinet rank, who are Members of the Cabinet, and Ministers of Cabinet rank, who are not Members of the Cabinet, does not involve an increase in this number or any other change. A Minister of the latter category, if appointed to assist a Member of the Cabinet in the administration of a Ministry, is described as a Minister of State for that Ministry to distinguish him from the senior Minister in charge of that Ministry. Those described as Ministers of State, however, do not as such constitute a separate class of Ministers, their position being in all respects identical with that of other Ministers of Cabinet rank who are not Members of the Cabinet.

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