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Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

This has reference to the matter raised by you as Special Mention in Rajya Sabha on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 regarding renaming the Armed Forces Flag Day as Martyrs' Memorial Day or Veterans' Day.

The matter has been got examined. Armed Forces Flag Day is observed to honour all sections of the three Services, i.e. the Veterans, Armed Forces Martyrs, Ex-servicemen and the serving personnel, for their sacrifice and services to the nation. The renaming of Armed Forces Flag Day as Memorial Day or Veterans' Day would be very specific whereas the Flag Day is broadly covering all categories of Armed Forces personnel. Also over a period of time, the Flag Day has come to be recognized and connects well with the people of the country.

In view of the above, the renaming of Armed Forces Flag Day is not felt necessary and status quo is being maintained.

I hope you will appreciate the position in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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