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On behalf of the forces which took part in the action in Hyderabad Lieut. General Maharaj Shri Rajendra Sinhji, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, has sent the following reply to the Hon'ble Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh:-

"Your congratulations have been greatly appreciated by us all in the Southern Command. The troops have been splendid. Their Commanders have carried out this delicate task with intelligence and impartiality. Your message will further encourage us to complete the next phase with equal speed and care".

Air Vice Marshal S. Mukerjee, Deputy Air Commander, R.I.A.F. in his reply to the Hon'ble Defence Minister says :-

" I am most grateful for your telegram. I have conveyed your message to all officers and men. We will always try to do our best".