**Doval reappointed National Security Adviser, Mishra to stay PM’s Principal Secretary**

The top officials in the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) were reappointed on Thursday after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office for a third straight term last week.

P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, was retained for a second term and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval for a rare third term, while two advisers, Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor, have been reappointed for a tenure of two years each.

After repeating most of his top ministerial team from his previous term, the Prime Minister has also signalled continuity in governance by repeating Mr. Mishra, an old hand who worked with him in Gujarat and since 2014 when Mr. Modi took over as the Prime Minister.

The Centre’s top personnel body, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by the PM, approved appointments of Mr. Mishra and Mr. Doval with effect from Thursday and said their tenures would be coterminous with the Prime Minister’s term or until further orders, whichever was earlier.

As per the ACC notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, both officials will have Cabinet rank in the table of precedence in the PMO.

In the PMO, Mr. Mishra looks after the Central administration handling personnel matters and administration matters, while Mr. Doval is tasked with national security and foreign affairs.

Mr. Khare deals with subjects related to social sectors, while Mr. Kapoor handles infrastructure-related matters.