

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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TRAINING TO TACKLE BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) propose to conduct training programme on all aspects of biological and chemical warfare to civilian authorities in States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the training programme is likely to protect the civilians from biological and chemical war threat?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE) Gwalior, a laboratory of DRDO has planned courses of 4 days duration starting from last week of November, 2001. The course will have theoretical and practical sessions to cover all aspects of the problem.

(c) The training will provide awareness and impart skills to the participants to manage various aspects of the problem. Further dissemination of information will remove fears from the minds of authorities and the public.