

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING CENTRES ABOUT BOMB EXPLOSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the particulars of centres in the country where training about bomb explosion is provided to army personnel presently;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that remains of exploded bombs are stolen from these centres;
- (c) the total loss suffered by the Government due to theft and the number of persons lost their lives in these activities during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check these thefts?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): College of Military Engineering (CME), Pune, provides training on bomb disposal. Firing of Artillery Guns and Tanks, on the other hand, is held at various Field Firing Ranges (FFRs). While bombs exploded components are held on the inventory of CME, Pune, and are accountable as controlled stores, the bombs exploded components in the FFRs are protected by regulations. The question of loss to the government, therefore, by way of theft etc., does not arise.