

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PREPAREDNESS TO FACE NUCLEAR EFFECTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Armed Forces Medical Services has reportedly expressed apprehensions about inadequate facilities in the wake of any nuclear attack;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made/proposed to be made by the Government to achieve adequate preparedness to deal with the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) In view of (a), question does not arise.

(c) Quick Reaction Medical Teams to respond to Nuclear Biological & Chemical (NBC) incidents are co-located with Quick Reaction Teams at strategic locations as per policy. Capability also exists at the Corps level for medical teams to respond to NBC attacks. Besides, all medical personnel in the lower formations are imparted to NBC training to augment capability for appropriately responding to NBC strikes. Establishment of Causality Decontamination Centres in the identified hospitals are also included in authorized works of hospitals projects.