

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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THREAT OF CBR ATTACK

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has an institutional mechanism exist to deal with the threats of Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) attack from terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

a): Yes, Madam.

b) to c): Out of the 10 Battalions, 04 Battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), which is a specialized Force to deal with disasters, have been trained and equipped to deal with Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) threats/disasters.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has formulated Standard Operating

Procedures (SOPs) for terrorist attack using chemical weapons, radioactive material and biological agents and have circulated them to the stakeholders and the States/UTs for implementation and formulation of their own SOPs.

i) The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued guidelines on Nuclear and Radiological Emergencies, Chemical Terrorism, Biological disasters and Chemical Industrial disasters to all the stakeholders.

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has conducted workshops for helping the States/UTs on drawing their SOPs especially with respect to CBRN matters in August, 2008 and January, 2009.