

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:118
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003
ANTI-TERRORISM FORCE
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to provide training to anti-terrorism force to counter nuclear, biological and chemical warfare;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to train these forces for specialised courses in Israel, U.K. and USA;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether these countries have acceded to the proposal for training in such courses; and
- (f) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a)&(b): Four Battalions of Central Para Military Forces have been earmarked for responding to terrorists attacks involving use of radioactive material and biological/chemical agents. The nodal training institutions have been identified, and qualitative requirements (QRs), training faculty and the syllabus have been finalized. The training of trainers will commence from January 2004.

(c),(d),(e)&(f): The country has capabilities in training personnel for responding to such disasters. However, some personnel have also been trained in USA in certain aspects. If need be further specialized training may also be organized in countries having such capabilities.