

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DELHI' S DEFENCE SHIELD AGAINST NUCLEAR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Delhi's defence shield against nuclear, biological and chemical attack is likely to be completed soon by ITBP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether other cities are likely to be brought under the shield; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d): The Government has constituted National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) consisting of eight battalions of Central Para Military Forces, two battalions each from Central Industrial Security Academy (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for the purpose of specialist response in all disaster situations including nuclear, biological and chemical disasters. Four of the eight NDRF battalions are specifically being trained and equipped for responding to nuclear, biological and chemical disasters in the country. The process of training and equipping of battalions is in progress. These four battalions would be positioned near four major cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai so as to facilitate expeditious deployment of the battalions in all parts of the country.