

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BOMB DISPOSAL TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the places where Bomb Disposal Training Centres are situated for soldiers in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the remains of the exploded bombs are pilfered from the aforesaid centres;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has lost crores of rupees due to pilferage from these centres during 2005-2006;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check pilferage from these centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Elementary training on bomb disposal and on countering improvised explosive devices is conducted at the Engineer Training Centres located at Bangalore, Roorkee and Kirkee (Pune). Specialised training on bomb disposal and on neutralizing unexploded bombs is conducted at College of Military Engineering, Pune.

(b) to (e): This training is being conducted on cut-models and dummies only. No unexploded bombs are transported to or stored in these training establishments. Hence, the question of pilferage does not arise.