

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

BASIC PRINCIPLE OF NUCLEAR DOCTRINE

†531. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to change the basic principle of India's nuclear policy according to which India would follow the 'No-first use' policy but nuclear weapons would be used in retaliation in case of nuclear attack anywhere on Indian territory or Indian forces; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on the said policy?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) There has been no change in India's nuclear doctrine. India is committed to maintaining credible minimum deterrence and a posture of 'no first use' of nuclear weapons.
