

# RUSSIAN INFLUENCE ON INDIAN NUCLEAR DOCTRINE?

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# The Doctrine (2003)

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2. India's nuclear doctrine can be summarized as follows:

- i. Building and maintaining a **credible minimum deterrent**;
- ii. A posture of **"No First Use"** nuclear weapons will only be used in retaliation against a nuclear attack on Indian territory or on Indian forces anywhere;
- iii. **Nuclear retaliation** to a first strike will be **massive** and designed to inflict unacceptable damage.
- iv. Nuclear retaliatory attacks can only be authorised by the civilian political leadership through the Nuclear Command Authority.
- v. Non-use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states;
- vi. However, in the event of a major attack against India, or Indian forces anywhere, by biological or chemical weapons, India will retain the option of retaliating with nuclear weapons;
- vii. A continuance of strict controls on export of nuclear and missile related materials and technologies, participation in the Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty negotiations, and continued observance of the moratorium on nuclear tests.
- viii. Continued commitment to the goal of a nuclear weapon free world, through global, verifiable and non-discriminatory nuclear disarmament.



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