

Q) What are the main features of India's Nuclear Doctrine? Should the no first use policy be amended in future? Critically Analyse.

→ The Nuclear weapon testing and development was first done in India at Pokhran in May 1998, ~~during~~ after which in 2003 the Government of India adopted 'No first use' policy of the Nuclear weapon.

→ According to this policy, the nuclear weapons will be used only as a retaliation against the nuclear attack in Indian territory or on Indian force anywhere.

→ The main features ~~are~~ include, that the retaliatory attacks can only be authorised by the civil political leadership, through Nuclear Command Authority (NCA).

→ The NCA houses the Political Council headed by the prime minister and Executive Council headed by the National Security Advisor.

→ Also the feature mentions of no use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear state.

→ In event of major attack by biological or chemical weapons, the country will retain the option of retaliating with nuclear weapons.

- Also the doctrine stresses on India being an nuclear free nation.
- The amendment of this policy depends on the Circumstances in the future.
- Initially if there are nuclear attacks on India, huge damage will be made, which might make the situation even more worse for retaliating back.
- After the first use of the nuclear weapons by the enemy states the ~~the~~ United Nations may stop India from retaliating back, thereby not allowing the country to retaliate.
- If no first use policy is not amended then the country should be well-prepared for the nuclear-attacks.
- In case of amendments of the policy, eventually the enemy states will have lesser chance of declaring a war rather would turn up for peaceful negotiations.
- Also might show the world that India is nuclear powered nation, and also development of technology grows.
- Politically the change in policy might make the United States to take a call on the countries' agreements.

→ Putting a way forward, as mentioned earlier the usage of such policies depends on the circumstances, also keeping the view of Political, Economical relations with the International Organisations ^{and} also other super power nations, amendments have to be brought.