

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3359  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 18 years, after the gas tragedy struck Bhopal, one person still dies daily in the city because of exposure related illnesses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NGOs working in the area have said that the toxic legacy of disaster continues as persistent poisons in the soil, water and breast milk with the alarming rise in cancers and congenital problem among children born to exposed people and said that 1.5 lakh persons still need urgent medical help;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a): No Sir,

(b): In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c)to(e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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