

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

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BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report captioned 'Bhopal gas Leak: A continuing disaster' appeared in the Hindustan Times dated September 1, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether survey reports conducted by private as well as Government agencies have revealed that Bhopal is facing a virtual medical disaster even after the 18 years of incident; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Sir,

(b) & (c): According to information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, it is providing medical, economic, environmental and social rehabilitation to the Bhopal Gas victims. The medical rehabilitation measures have made a positive impact on the health conditions of the Gas victims. More than four thousand patients per day are availing the OPD medical facilities of the medical units of the State Government. The annual indoor patient registration is more than 24 thousand. According to the State Government, the check up of these patients and the data available with them does not substantiate the details given in the newspaper report.