

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

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CHEMICALS IN UNDERGROUND WATER AROUND UNION CARBIDE FACTORY

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

- (a) whether huge quantities of chemicals in underground water around the Union Carbide Factory of Bhopal have been found;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to protect the people living near the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that as per available official records, no information is available regarding huge quantities of chemicals in underground water in soil of the Union Carbide Factory, Bhopal. However a study on remediation and removal of toxic waste from the Union Carbide Factory site, Bhopal has been entrusted to National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur and National Geographical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad. The report from these two agencies is awaited.