

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scientific bodies have submitted reports and recommendations on the environmental damage and the remediation process on the Bhopal gas disaster;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has accepted their recommendation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur and National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad have jointly carried out a study on "Assessment and Remediation Hazardous Waste Contaminated Areas in and around M/s Union Carbide India Ltd., Bhopal". The Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad has carried out the study on "Detoxification, Decommissioning and Dismantling of Union Carbide Plant, Bhopal. These studies have been carried out as per the directions of the Task Force constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals for the disposal of toxic wastes lying in and around the former UCIL plant site, Bhopal. As per the decision of the Cabinet, these reports have been sent to selected scientific institutions and experts for comments. A Peer Review Committee has been constituted to examine the comments on these reports and prepare a final Peer Review Report for submission to the Government of India.