

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3039
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2010
WASTE DISPOSAL IN UNION CARBIDE PREMISES
Bhaiya Shri Shivraj

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

(a) whether a proposal costing Rs.50 crore for destroying the waste kept in the Union carbide premises in Bhopal has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said fund is likely to be made available?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. This Department has not received any proposal costing Rs. 50 crore for destroying the waste kept in the Union Carbide premises in Bhopal.

However, based on the recommendation of the Group of Ministers on Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, the Government of India has decided to bear the cost of remediation in the first instance. The remediation cost estimated at Rs.310.00 crore has been approved, which will be released as and when specific project proposals for remediation and waste disposal work submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh are endorsed by the Oversight Committee working under the chairmanship of Minister of State (IC) for Environment and Forests.