GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3633 ANSWERED ON:26.04.2012 BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY Jeyadural Shri S. R.;Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research in their study has found that every second person who was exposed to the gas leak in Bhopal Gas tragedy twenty-eight years ago has abnormal lung function;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the scope sector of medical and economic rehabilitation to such affected persons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a)&(b): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that there is no such study conducted by ICMR, which has reported that every second person who was exposed to the gas leak twenty eight years ago has abnormal lung function.

(c)&(d): In July,2010, Government of India has released its share of 75 % i.e. ` 204.56 crore of the total approved outlay of ` 272.75 crore as Additional Central Assistance for implementation of schemes for medical, economic, social rehabilitation of all Bhopal Gas Victims and for providing safe drinking water to them under the New Plan of Action of Government of Madhya Pradesh.