

Title: Need to check the leakage of hazardous ammonia gas from Oswal Fertilizer Plant at Paradeep Port, Orissa.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): I want to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Environment and Forest to the newspaper reports about the frequent leakage of hazardous Ammonia gas from Oswal Fertilizer Plant at Paradeep Port, Orissa. The leakage had occurred in September last year and this year in June. The District Collector's (Kendrapara) enquiry report has confirmed this. The people of Kharnasi, Ram Nagar, Bahakud villages of Mahakalapada block are living in a state of panic. I visited the area recently and found myself that the hazardous gas has caused health problems like burning of eyes, throat pain and breathing problem. The vegetation like paddy crops, coconut and banana plantation of the area have been adversely affected by the polluted air. The people of the area are living in a state of fear due to potentially killer gas. There is a fear among the people that a Bhopal gas tragedy like situation is imminent at Paradeep Port. It has been reported that the plant has installed sub-standard machinery at vital installations. I request the hon. Prime Minister to intervene in this matter so that a Bhopal gas tragedy like situation could be averted in the near future at Paradeep Port.