

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3860
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UNION CARBIDE FUNDS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some amount out of the compensation received from the Union Carbide is still lying with the Reserve Bank of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government utilized these funds for the welfare schemes being run by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the benefit of gas victims; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. According to information received from the Reserve Bank of India, the present balance available is approximately Rs.475.76 crores in dollar component and approximately Rs.127.15 crores in Rupee account.

(c) & (d): The above amount is not available for the Welfare Schemes run by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. In its judgment dated 19th July,2004, the Supreme Court has directed the Welfare Commissioner to disburse the unspent amount to the persons whose claims have been settled, on pro- rata basis having due regard to the number of claims settled, unsettled and pending.