

**Union Carbide Factory Gas Affected Population**

\*30. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:  
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the findings of a medical study carried out by the Centre for Community Health and Social Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, in regards to the continuing effects of MIC leak from the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the percentage of population still suffering from the leak and the type or types of illness which they are suffering from ; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government as to the findings of the study and remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken to provide necessary medical care to the affected population?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) to (c). Government has seen the report referred to, on the study conducted by the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, published in Jawaharlal Nehru University News of April, 1985. The study was conducted to determine the size, distribution and causes of various health conditions created by the gas leak tragedy at Bhopal and to draw the social and economic profile of the victims.

It is not possible to determine the percentage of population suffering from the gas leak since the effects could manifest themselves over a period of years. Moreover,

these issues are a Subject matter of adjudication by the Supreme Court.

The Jawaharlal Nehru University study dealt primarily with the sociological aspects. Government have commissioned the Indian Council of Medical Research to conduct studies on the effects of the gas leak. Most of them are long term studies.

Symptomatic treatment is being given to all cases of diseases through the hospitals and dispensaries of Madhya Pradesh Government. The State Government are running 4 hospitals, 1 polyclinic, 2 diagnostic centres and 5 dispensaries in the gas affected area. There is a special 62 bedded MIC Ward in Hamidia Hospital of the Government. Treatment is also being given at Hamidia Hospital and Sultania Ladies Hospital. The Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal provides referral services. Facilities for medicare for gas affected victims are being augmented and upgraded.

**Regularisation of Strike Period of C.P.W.D. J.Es.**

\*31. SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider the question of regularisation of July-August 1987 strike period of the CPWD Junior Engineers; and

(b) if so, when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). Reconsideration of this particular case cannot be determined in isolation. However, this is being examined in the context of Government policy.