

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4054
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.04.2022

Disposal of hazardous waste at Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal

4054. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any decision has been taken for disposal of hazardous waste at Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the site where the hazardous waste is proposed to be disposed and whether any trial undertaken to ensure its safe disposal without affecting the ecology;
- (d) whether any opposition to dump the hazardous waste is raised by public or any agency; and
- (e) if so, the response of Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (e):

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been entrusted with the responsibility for remediation and waste disposal works pertaining to the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster. Ministry of Environment and Forests vide Order dated 15th July, 2020 constituted an Oversight Committee to recommend to Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals and Department of Expenditure for the release of funds to the State Government after receipt of final proposal of selection of operator for carrying out remediation and disposal activities of hazardous waste lying at the premises of erstwhile Union Carbide India Ltd., Bhopal.

Out of 347 tonnes, 10 tonne waste has been incinerated during the trial run at the Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF), Pithampur, Indore under the supervision of the Central Pollution Control Board. During trial run, all monitored parameters of the incinerated waste were in compliance with prescribed parameters of common hazardous waste incinerator under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Govt. of Madhya Pradesh informed that M/s Pithampur Industrial Waste Management Private Limited has been selected for carrying out the disposal of toxic waste.

With regard to any opposition to dump hazardous waste raised by public or any agency, there is no registered complaint with the Ministry.
