GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFCHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO04.12.2009 ANSWERED ON AID FOR BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :-

(a)the percentage of contribution 6f Central and State Government In the aid given for various schemes for health and resettlement of victims of Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b)the contribution of Centre In the last five years; and

(c)the details of funds provided to the State ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): The Government of India had sanctioned Rs. 102.00 crores for immediate relief and rehabilitation and financial assistance to the victims of Gas Tragedy from 1985 to 1989. In 1990, Government of India approved a 5 year Action Plan of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh with a total outlay of Rs.258.00 crores for Medical, Economic, Social and Environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas Victims. It was decided that the expenditure on 5 year Action Plan to be implemented by State Government of Madhya Pradesh would be shared by the Government of India and State Government of Madhya Pradesh In ratio of 75:25. This Action Plan was extended up to July, 1999. The Central Government has already released Its entire share of Rs. 193.50 crore and the Action Plan has been completed In the year 1999-2000. This financial assistance has been fully utilized in various relief and rehabilitation programmes of the Gas Victims. In April, 2006, the Government of India sanctioned funds to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for a project under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for providing sale drinking water through pipelines from the Kolar Reservoir to 14 localities around the UCIL plant site. The Government of India sanctioned funds to the Government of Madhya Pradesh who sanctioned Rs.14.18 crore to Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) for a project under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for providing safe drinking water through pipe lines from the Kolar Reservoir to 14 localities around the UCIL plant site. The work under this project is nearing completion.