

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) No, Sir. However, in the context of decentralized governance, the Government of India has issued an advisory on 29.10.2010 which states that existing JFMCs should function under the overall guidance and supervision of the Gram Sabhas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State and UT Governments have issued JFM resolutions for community participation in conservation, management, and protection of forests with benefit sharing mechanism on the principle of care and share.

#### **Toxic Waste in Union Carbide Factory at Bhopal**

†3421: SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI :

SHRI PRABHAT JHA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has decided to dispose off the toxic waste lying in the closed Union Carbide Factory at Bhopal at a waste disposal unit situated in a town near the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Non-Government Organisations have protested against this decision of Government;

(d) if so, whether the decision is being reconsidered;

(e) whether the Supreme Court has given any order in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (f) Based on the recommendations of a Group of Ministers (GoM) set up to examine the issues related to Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has been entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring disposal of 350 MT of toxic waste lying in the premises of the erstwhile Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL), Bhopal in the Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF) located at Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh. For this, a trial run is to be carried out at the Pithampur TSDF. In a Special Leave Petition (No. 9874 of 2012) the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 has directed the authorities to undertake all necessary steps for conducting the trial disposal of 10 metric tones of UCIL waste at Pithampur TSDF within a period of three months.

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