

Honourable Prime Minister,
Government of India,
North Block, Raisina Hill,
New Delhi 110 011

17 March 2015

Sub: Call for Action against American Dow Chemical Company for willful and repeated disregard of the directions of the Bhopal district Court in the criminal case on the worst industrial disaster in Bhopal.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the survivors of the 1984 Union Carbide disaster in Bhopal, we wish to convey our concerns regarding the repeated non-appearance of The Dow Chemical Company (TDCC), USA in the criminal case arising out of the disaster that is ongoing in the Bhopal District Court. We would like you to know that 16 March 2015 was the second time, after the first in November 12, 2014 when Dow Chemical Company current owner of Union Carbide Corporation, USA has chosen to ignore the directions of the Indian court.

Union Carbide, USA has been charged with grave criminal offences including culpable homicide and grievous assault for its role in the disaster and it is absconding from Indian courts for the last 23 years. In 2001, another US corporation, The Dow Chemical Company (TDCC) took over Union Carbide, USA. As the 100 % owner TDCC, USA, with substantial business in India through more than half a dozen subsidiaries, is harbouring an absconder from justice in the view of the Bhopal District Court.

TDCC, USA's blatant disregard for the Indian justice system, twice in the last six months, makes us very apprehensive about your government's red carpet policy towards US corporations. We fear that in the context of your weak kneed response to Dow Chemical's non appearance in the case on the Bhopal disaster, your invitation to "Make in India" could well be perceived as an invitation to "make more Bhopals in India".

Through this letter we urge you and your government to be as enthusiastic in making US corporations, such as TDCC obey Indian laws, as you are of welcoming them to invest in our country.

We thank you for your time and await your positive action on the matter.

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