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Dear *Anil Desai,*

Please refer to my telephonic conversation with you on 13.11.2014 regarding the Bhopal Gas Victims having gone on an indefinite fast at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi with effect from 10.11.2014 for pressing their demands, which had been earlier raised in a Petition dated 14.09.2014 of five NGO associated with the victims.

2. As conveyed to you, we had forwarded the said Petition to the Commissioner, BGTR&R Department, seeking detailed report of the State Government on the demands raised by the NGOs. However, no replies have been received from your Government till date.

3. The NGOs had met me as well as the Hon'ble Minister (Chemicals and Fertilizers) on 14.11.2014. Their contention is that the figures of Death and Injury in the Curative Petition filed in the Supreme Court are not based on scientific facts and hence, are incorrect. They stated that the data on Death indicated in the Curative Petition(5295) is incorrect, as compared to the figures on Death projected by ICMR in its report on the impact of the disaster. They also pointed out that the figures of Death related to gas exposure indicated by the State Government in their document on Plan of Action, submitted to the Government earlier, indicated the death figure of 15,248, which is much higher than the official figure. Further, they also contended that the Govt's figures of Injury in various categories **are also not based on scientific facts**, as large number of victims are still undergoing treatment in Govt. hospitals. Hence, they claimed that the death figures need to be revised and Injury cases in existing categories are required to be re-categorised in the Curative Petition based on the records of treatment with Govt. hospitals.


4. The Government's figures on Death and Injury indicated in the Curative Petition are based on figures given by the Office of the Welfare Commissioner, Bhopal. The Affidavit filed by the Government of M.P. in the Curative Petition also indicates the same figures as given in the Curative Petition. However, the NGOs have claimed that these figures are contrary to scientific facts and official documents and hospital records of the Government of M.P. The demands of the NGOs that the figures of Death and Injury are incorrect and need to be revised, are required to be substantiated with reference to the ground realities.

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5. I request you to look into the matter and furnish a detailed report to enable the Department to examine their demands.

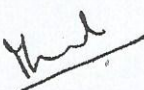
With regards,

Yours sincere


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Copy, alongwith a copy of the representation dated 14th September, 2014 received from 5 NGOs associated with Bhopal Gas Victims, addressed to the Minister (Chemicals & Fertilizers), is forwarded to Dr. V.M. Katoch, Secretary & DG, ICMR. ICMR is requested to provide comments on the aspect of higher figures of Death projected in the Report of ICMR on Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, as claimed in the representation.


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