

BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS BETRAYED!

30 years have elapsed since the worst industrial disaster at Bhopal, Union Carbide factory occurred killing 10,000 people instantly and 20,000 thousand more people sub-sequently, besides disabling more than 25,000 people with the toxic effect of the leaked toxic gas-MIC.

According to the data of the Madhya Pradesh government there were around 4,31,495 chronic patients in hospitals in 2010, meant for toxic gas treatment.

Due to the seepage of toxic pollution in to underground water thousands of the children born in the families surrounding Bhopal union carbide factory are suffering with chronic diseases like T.B., Cancer, reproductive problems in women, diseases occurred at the time of birth and mental and physical disorders in the newly born babies.

According to the scientists, these diseases are affected, due to the burning the toxic wastage of Bhopal Carbide factory in the factory premises itself.

Thus the Bhopal industrial disaster had devastated the entire living organism in the vicinity of Bhopal, and the magnitude of this devastation is long-standing for generations.

That this industrial disaster was perpetrated by the management of U.C.C. of America knowingly, with its vested interest in cutting costs and experimenting the effects of methylisocyanide on the human beings in its pursuit of super-profits is undeniable and amply proved.

But neither the Union carbide corporation of U.S.A., nor the rulers of American imperialism nor its so called democratic and fair judicial system had ever cared to render justice to the victims as well to clear the toxic polluted atmosphere of Bhopal and to clean-up the boiled toxic wastage from the premises of Bhopal Carbide factory. More over more cunningly the U.C.C. was sold to Dow Chemicals to evade the criminal culpability of U.C.C, for causing worst devastation in Bhopal by releasing toxic MIC in to the atmosphere, polluting the environment dangerously to the peril of life existence. The Dow Chemicals refused its liability and the big industrial capitalists of India are supporting Dow Chemicals for absolving it from the liability for Bhopal devastation.

On the other hand the 'democratic', 'independent' rulers of India from late Indira Gandhi to the present day Modi, proving themselves to be true of their subservient character and nature to the American imperialism, have been willfully showing egregious neglect and criminal apathy to pursue justice for the citizens (victims) of India and remediation of the environment, though the site of the leak is lying with some 300 tonnes of toxic chemical leading to a festering problem. This area is not yet cleaned up. In the name of cleaning the toxic waste, some of the toxic waste from the premises of carbide factory is being transported to villages in M.P., and being dumped there, again polluting the environment around those villages, transferring to toxic problem and peril on to those village communities.

The central rulers through a settlement of \$ 470 million absolved the union carbide corporation of all future liabilities. Thus they showed their undeterred allegiance to the American imperialism and their comprador nature for the imperialist corporations shamelessly undermining their very claim of sovereignty of independent India.

The amount settled for by our rulers in a paltry amount.

On April 20,2010 due to a big explosion in well of B.P's gulf Mexico 11 workers were killed and millions of barrels of oil for nearly three months was spewed on to the shore lines of 5 states in U.S.A. To cover the environmental damage charges and for cleaning-up projects, U.S. government and five states have settled with B.P. London for \$ 18.7 billions in July of this year.

When the damage of this Gulf of Mexico spill is compared with the devastation caused by the Bhopal, U.C.C. disaster, it is far less in the magnitude but when compared with the compensation settlement of USA and BP with the settlement of India and UCC, the amount settled for is very paltry amounting to mere peer-nuts.

Here in lies the hypocrisy of U.S. imperialism in rendering justice to the third-world countries, and its imperialistic policy, through the Bhopal disaster is a far bigger catastrophe to its victims than

the Gulf of Mexico oil Spill. Here in lies the horrible nature of U.S. imperialism denying the justice to Bhopal victims.

Even after this US-BP settlement our rulers are not making any effort to the advancement of the cause of Bhopal's long-suffering victims.

Instead of their (Indian government's) claim for \$ 3.3 billion in 1985, they are satisfied only with the payment of \$ 470 million and absolved U.C.C. from all its future liabilities.

With the outcry from the people against this beggarly settlement and injustice the rulers, 5 years back have filed a curative petition in Supreme Court seeking for 1.2 billion dollars, to eye-wash the people and pull wool on their eyes. And our Supreme Court, the highest court of justice, could not find time to hear the petition but for only one hearing, and the government has not moved a single application for urgent hearing on the matter.

Such has been the willful criminal apathy of our rulers with regards to rendering justice to Bhopal victims and in cleaning-up of the toxic waste penetrated in to earth and environment remaining as a eternal living peril.

This is nothing but the blatant betrayal of India and its suffering people to be of the U.S. imperialism and imperialist corporations.

But the persistent demand and to struggle to make Dow Chemicals totally to the Bhopal devastation shall continue at least to spread awareness among the people about the real comprador class nature of our rulers the representatives of the ruling classes.
