

## Bhopal Gas Victims

# Whose Children are These Any Way?

---

32 years have elapsed after the manmade grand disaster created by the Union Carbide Corporation of U.S.A, at Bhopal with a devastating effect on people and environment, that was unprecedented in human history. In its pursuit of super profits through the supply of war chemicals, the American imperialist Union Carbide, had experimented with the human lives on Indian people of Bhopal by releasing Methyl isocyanite poison gas to find out its effect on human and other living creatures.

More than 10,000 people have died at the mid-night December 2/3, 1984 instantly while numerous number of people were severely injured and are suffering with series lung, eye problems and many people have been suffering with a host of gastro-intestinal, neurological, genetic and psychiatric illnesses for gene-rations for all these 32 years without any ameliorative support or care from the successive governments and the rulers.

Presently there are 5.5 lakhs of survivors of Bhopal gas disaster struggling with disability and in the search for justice.

Despite various court cases for compensation in India as well in USA, the Bhopal victims have no hope for justice and it remained as a constant mirage. Such has been the worst bitter experience of Bhopal gas victims, the citizens of India a country which is supposed to be a sovereign democratic and independent state.

Neither the so called sovereignty nor the democracy nor the purported highly acclaimed independence comes to the rescue of these worst affected victims of Bhopal poison gas, released by the Union Carbide Corporation of USA, by its subsidiary U.C.I of Bhopal.

True to their class nature the rulers in power of India as well MP state whether belonging to the Congress party or the B.J.P they have shown their reluctance conspicuously to book the criminal management of Union Carbide Corporation that created a human and environmental disaster and havoc at Bhopal. On the contrary the rulers have chosen to protect and save the criminal management of U.C.C, even venturing to betray their own children, the people of India at the behest of their masters the American imperialists. More over these very rulers of both the kinds of Shining India and Ache Din of our country have pursued every trick to defeat justice even in the Supreme Court of India as well in other courts - deliberately serving the interests of their imperialist masters and their dictates in denying justice and monetary compensation to victims.

Even the central and state governments have chosen to evade providing any treatment to the suffering Bhopal victims.

Even the apex court of India has washed its hands by fixing a meagre amount of Rs.705 crores as compensation to the Bhopal gas victims.

However the fact remains that more than 20,000 persons have died due to direct consequences of the killer gas and another 5.5 lakh are suffering. Added to this the U.C.I factory premises and surrounding environment is filled with gas wastage and polluted the earth, water and other elements with poisonous of killing gas. They have yet to be cleared and cleaned.

The DOW Company which has purchased the U.C.I factory of Bhopal refuses to clear and clean the poisonous wastes from the factory compound of Bhopal and its surroundings. Our rulers support the imperialist DOW company absolving it from its liability of cleaning and clearing the premises as well highly polluted surroundings of Bhopal's vast area. Neither the central nor the state government takes up the cleaning process with sincerity and honesty with callous negligence of the people of Bhopal and its surroundings leaving them to survive in such a highly polluted and poisonous environment that is dangerous for survival of life without illness and disease that transmits for generations on.

This is how these Bhopal gas Victims and people are forsaken by their own rulers and governments, with a remarkable callous attitude against them leaving the question: Whose children are these Bhopal gas victims anyway?