

**Petition to the Indian High Commission, London & the Consulate General of India -
Edinburgh: British High Commissioner Mr. Shiv Shankar Mukherjee & Consul General,
Edinburgh, Mr. Ramesh Chander**

Dear Mr Mukherjee, Mr Chander and other representatives of the Indian Government,

23 years after Union Carbide's horrific disaster, the Indian Government has failed in its responsibility to rehabilitate the lives and environment of the survivors of Bhopal. By neglecting the basic rights of some of its most vulnerable and unjustly suffering citizens, India shames itself before the world.

Two years have passed since Prime Minister Manmohan Singh promised to take care of the welfare needs of Bhopal survivors and pursue justice by all legal means. Promises were made only after the Bhopalis – many physically ill – undertook an arduous 800km march for a Life of Dignity and Justice.

But in the two years since the Prime Minister made these promises, at least 360 people have died from the effects of Dow/Carbide's poisons and numerous children have suffered birth defects. Crucially, the welfare committee given to Bhopal is powerless to offer the simple clean water and health care the Prime Minister promised. One year ago, the state government finally found a temporary water source for 40% of the needs of communities exposed to Carbide's lethal chemicals in their drinking water. But no health care, no income generation schemes, no justice has been seen here. We have seen the twisted bodies of Bhopali children born into this horror and fade away.

Over the last two years, rather than follow all legal avenues, the Prime Minister has acted to help Union Carbide's owner Dow avoid liability. There has been no extradition request for the fugitive Union Carbide, and no attempt to enforce 'polluter pays' against Dow. Instead there have been private meetings with Dow wherein Indian officials committed to help neutralize Dow's Bhopal liabilities in return for foreign investment.

To halt the neglect and betrayal, which can only be ensured by a properly empowered Special Commission and the committed pursuit of legal cases ongoing against Union Carbide and Dow Chemical, Bhopal survivors MARCH AGAIN.

We, the undersigned, join Bhopal survivors in respectfully demanding that the Indian Government support the following demands.

1. For a special commission on Bhopal to address economic, medical, social and environmental rehabilitation, and oversee the speedy provision of clean and free drinking water.
2. That ongoing legal actions against Dow and Union Carbide are quickly moved forward.
3. Specifically, the Government should cancel the approval given to Reliance to purchase Union Carbide's technology; pursue the extradition of Warren Anderson and Union Carbide Corporation's representative; work vigorously to hold Dow liable for clean-up in Bhopal; and cancel the licences of the four pesticides that Dow was found by the SEC* to have obtained via bribes. *(United States Securities and Exchange Commission)