



July 10, 2006

Dear Mr. Chidambaram,

This refers to the conversation we had in your office when we met you to discuss the report submitted by the Investment Commission.

As responsible citizens, we should be concerned about the lack of action on remediation of the old Union Carbide disaster site in Bhopal. The issues of compensation paid by Union Carbide, the court cases and compensation paid or to be paid to victims and next of kin, aside, we should be concerned that the toxic site remains untouched and could have toxins leaching into the ground and eventually endangering the quality of underground water in the area. Because of the impasse on related issues, the site remains as is and there should be a concern that this inaction could cause illness or even death to people other than those affected by the old Bhopal tragedy. I understand that remediation on the site would cost approximately Rs. 100 crores.

I believe it would be in the national interest for a Site Remediation Fund or Trust to be created to clean up the site and the toxins in the soil so that the site is rendered safe above and below ground. I believe that responsible corporates in the private sector and in the public sector might be willing to contribute to this initiative in the national interest and Tatas would be willing to spearhead and contribute to such an exercise, should this be possible.

As this whole matter is embroiled in legalities, the Government and the courts would need to endorse such an initiative. I, however, thought I would place my views on record in the interest of avoiding any further damage or deterioration of the concerned area, and in the interest of the health of citizens who could be affected in the future if nothing is done.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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