

Bhopal Gas Tragedy's Shadow over 2012 Olympics.



The 2012 Olympics is going to take place at London. At this juncture, Ms. Meredith Alexander, the 'ethics commissioner' in London Mayor's cabinet, has resigned over the involvement of the notorious **Dow Chemicals** in the London Olympics. Dow Chemicals is one of the official sponsors of the London Olympics.

It may be noted that Dow Chemicals is the company, which has bought the **Union Carbide** in 1999. Nearly 15,000 people were killed and 5,00,000 people were injured in the 'Bhopal Gas Tragedy', which took place in 1984, in the factory of the Union Carbide. A demand for a compensation of Rs. 15,000 crore is yet to be settled by this Dow Chemicals. It may also be noted that the **United States** is pressurizing the Indian government, to drop this demand for compensation.

In her resignation, Ms. Meredith Alexander has stated as follows:- ***"The Dow Chemicals is responsible for one of the worst corporate human rights violations in my generation. It is appalling that 27 years on, the disaster site has not been cleaned up and thousands upon thousands of people are still suffering. The people should be free to enjoy the London Olympics without this toxic legacy on their conscience."***