




**Department of Environment, Science & Technology**  
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**Instructions to Industrial Units dealing with Hazardous Chemicals, District Administrations and concerned agencies**

- Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India has observed that industrial units dealing with hazardous chemicals have not covered their employees under Public Liability Insurance (PLI) Act, 1991. Therefore, it is advised that industrial units dealing with hazardous chemicals should cover their Employees under Insurance Cover of PLI Act, 1991 and should pay specified amounts to the victims as interim relief as per provisions of the Act.
- Environment Relief Fund (ERF) has also been established under the provisions of the PLI Act with the contribution, equivalent to the premium paid by the owner(s) through insurance companies. This fund is dedicated to meet the requirement of immediate relief to the victims as and when required. As has been informed by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, that as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 an amount of Rs. 572.0 Crore is accrued in the ERF with no claims for disbursement since the inception of the scheme.
- Power to exercise have been delegated to State Governments. All the District Deputy Commissioners in the State are also advised to adequately sensitize about the Act in their respective jurisdiction so that effective implementation and enforcement of the Act is ensured in the State as per powers delegated to District Controllers. For further detailed information all are advised to go through the Public Liability Insurance (PLI) Act, 1991 available at the website of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.



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