

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 04.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
RESTARTING OF FERTILIZER FACTORY AT TALCHER .

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SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY

Will the Minister of COAL AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the process of restarting the closed fertilizer factory at Talcher in Orissa has been started; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) and (b):The Government has decided to explore the feasibility of revival of the closed public sector fertilizer units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.(HFCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) including the Talcher Unit of FCIL subject to assured availability of natural gas, to meet the emerging demand production gap of urea in the Country. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) with the mandate to evaluate all investment options for revival of the closed units of FCIL/HFCL and to make suitable recommendations for consideration of the Government. ECOS has already considered various possible investment options for revival of each of the closed units and have finalized its recommendations regarding the suitable financing option. The recommendations of ECOS are under consideration of the Government.