

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 271* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.03.2022

Commissioning of the Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha

***271. DR. SASMIT PATRA:**

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

- (a) the details of the present status of the Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha;
- (b) the date by which the plant is expected to be commissioned; and
- (c) the reasons for the delay in commissioning of this Plant?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICAL AND FERTILZERS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

*(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 271* TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2022 REGARDING "COMMISSIONING OF THE TALCHER FERTILIZER PLANT IN ODISHA".

(a): Government mandated revival of Talcher unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL) in Odisha through formation of a Joint Venture company of nominated PSUs i.e. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF), Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), Coal India Limited (CIL) and FCIL. Accordingly, a Joint Venture Company named Talcher Fertilizers Ltd. (TFL) was incorporated on 13.11.2015 for setting up Ammonia urea plant of 12.7 LMT per annum capacity based on Coal Gasification Technology. The overall progress achieved till February, 2022 is 20.84%. The major milestones achieved by TFL project are detailed in Annexure.

(b): The plant is expected to be commissioned by September, 2024.

(c): The commissioning of TFL was scheduled in September, 2023. However, the project is delayed for at least 12 months primarily due to Covid-19 pandemic. The Lump Sum Turn Key (LSTK) global contract for Coal Gasification and Ammonia urea package were awarded in September, 2019. The Covid-19 started spreading across the globe by that period and became a pandemic by March, 2020. Nationwide lockdown was declared on 23rd March, 2020 in India as a result, all project activities of TFL came to standstill. After impact of 1st wave of Covid-19 started to recede, the physical project activities at site were commenced. However, India faced 2nd wave of Covid-19 during March 2021 and 3rd wave during December, 2021 which further impacted progress of the project adversely.

Annexure

The major milestones achieved by TFL project are as under:-

SI No.	Date	Milestones
1	Feb., 2018.	Environmental clearance of the project received
2	Sept, 2018.	Foundation stone laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister
3	Aug., 2019.	Investment approval of the project accorded
4	Aug., 2019	Approval granted by Government of Odisha for setting up Talcher plant
5	Sept. 2019	Lump Sum Turn Key (LSTK) contracts for Coal Gasification and Ammonia urea packages of the project awarded to M/s Wuhuan Engineering. Company. Ltd. (WECL), China
6	Jan, 2021.	Concession Agreement for land executed between TFL and FCIL
7	June, 2021	Financial closure of the project concluded
8	April, 2021	Exclusive policy for urea produced through coal gasification by TFL approved by CCEA
