

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 192 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.12.2023**

**Talcher Coal Gasification Based Urea Plant**

**192. DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:**

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

- (a) whether construction work of Talcher coal gasification-based urea plant running behind schedule;
- (b) if so, the reason of such delay;
- (c) the details of physical progress of this project and expenditure incurred so far;
- (d) whether Government has any target to complete this project and financial impact of such delay?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a) & (b): Yes Sir, construction work of Talcher coal gasification based urea plant is running behind schedule. The major reason for the delay in construction work of Talcher Fertilizer Limited (TFL) project is the spread of Covid-19 pandemic and related contextual issues (travel restrictions etc). TFL awarded Lump sum turnkey (LSTK) contract for Coal gasification & Ammonia Urea packages in Sept., 2019 and immediately after award of the contract, Covid-19 started spreading across the globe including India. Whole of India was put under a prolonged lock down leading to delay in initial engineering work for the project. Later, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> waves of Covid-19 pandemic struck India which also lead to delayed work at Talcher site. Due to above restrictions, placement of orders for the project items were also delayed.

(c): All major clearances including environment clearance have been received. Allocation of long term coal linkage approved by Ministry of Coal. Coal Gasifier received at site and erection has started. All major equipments except Urea Reactor received at site for Ammonia Urea plant. Construction of two Chimneys out of three Completed and One Boiler Drum erected at site. Raw water reservoir about to complete. Raw Water Treatment Plant, Demineralised Water (DM) Plant civil work completed. Equipment erection under progress. Construction of Administration

Building, Training centre, First Aid centre, New police station, Guest house, Central Store Completed and total expenditure incurred so far is about Rs. 4200 Crore.

(d): Likely date of completion as revised by Talcher Fertilizer Limited Board is Sept, 2024.

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