

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Closed Fertilizer Plants

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

- (a) the details of fertilizer plants closed in the recent years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to reopen the closed fertilizer plants;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, unit-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the closed fertilizer units are likely to be opened along with their targeted production capacity thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): No Fertilizer plants have been closed in the recent years. However, in 2002, five units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) located at Sindri (Jharkhand), Talchar (Odisha), Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) & Korba (Chhattisgarh) and 3 Units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) located at Barauni (Bihar), Durgapur & Haldia (West Bengal) were closed.

(b): As these units have large infrastructure facilities like sizable land bank, residential and office buildings, railway siding, tied up sources of electricity and water, Gol has decided to revive all closed units of FCIL and HFCL. However, at present Government is reviving five closed units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri, Talcher and Ramagundam units of FCIL and Barauni unit of HFCL by setting up of 12.7 Lakhs Metric Tones Per Annum urea plant at each of these units.

(c) & (d): The present status of these units is as under:

Ramagundam Unit:

Ramagundam unit of FCIL is being revived on nomination basis by consortium of PSUs namely Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL) by setting up a gas based fertilizer plant of 1.27 MMTPA capacity. The Joint Venture agreement signed on 14.1. 2015. JV Company named Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited has been formed. Project construction activities are under progress. The project likely to be commissioned by 31.12.2018.

Gorakhpur & Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni Unit of HFCL:

Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni units are being revived by means of a Special Purpose Vehicle of Public Sector Undertakings namely, National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Fertilizer Corporation India Limited/Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited by setting up gas based fertilizer plants of 1.27 MMTPA capacity each. A Joint Venture company by name Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) has been formed. Pre project activities are under progress. The above three projects likely to start production by 2020.

Talcher Unit:

Talcher Unit of FCIL is being revived on 'Nomination basis' by a Consortium of PSUs namely Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd (RCF), Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL), Coal India Ltd (CIL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL) by setting up a coal based fertilizer plant of 1.27 MMTPA capacity. A JV Company Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) has been formed. The Talcher project likely to start production by 2021.
