

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4467 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.01.2019

Talcher Fertilizer Plant

4467 Dr. KULAMANI SAMAL:

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

- (a) whether a fertilizer plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. was shut since 2002 at Talcher, Odisha and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to open the said fertilizer plant since 2002 and the results thereof;
- (c) the details of the plants of the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. shut since its inception in 1978; and
- (d) whether a fertilizer project of RCF has been approved by the Cabinet recently and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) : No, Madam. There is no plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd (RCF) at Talcher, Odisha. The plant at Talcher, Odisha belongs to Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL). It was shut in 2002 due to mis-match of design between various sections of the plant, unstable quality and the quantity of supply of power from the State Grid, obsolete technology, poor quality of coal, which resulted in economic inviability of operation of the plant leading to losses.

(b) : Government of India has decided to revive the Talcher unit of FCIL by setting up Coal Gasification Technology based ammonia urea plant of 12.7LMTPA capacity by nominated PSUs, namely RCF, Coal India Limited & Gas Authority of India Limited along with FCIL. A Joint Venture Company has been formed, namely, Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) for setting up of a fertilizer plant at Talcher.

(c) : RCF have permanently shut down the following plants due to obsolescence:

- (i) Urea-I plant at RCF Trombay (Name plate capacity: 300MTPD) since 02.04.1995.
- (ii) Methyl Amin plant at RCF Trombay.
- (iii) Ammonium Nitro Phosphate (20:20:0) plant (Name Plate Capacity: 900MTPD) since 01.12.2015 at RCF Trombay.
- (iv) Phosphoric acid plant (Name plate capacity: 100 MTPD) since 01.12.2015 at RCF Trombay.

(d) : No Madam, But recently, Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 19th September, 2018 has approved equity investment of Rs.1033.54 crore (\pm 15%) by RCF in TFL for setting up of Coal gasification based ammonia urea plant.
