

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3111
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

Expansion of Talcher Thermal Power Station

3111. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the matter related to Talcher Thermal Power Station is pending with the Central Pollution Control Board for consideration;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has given clearance for restarting Talcher Thermal Power Station and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which clearance for expansion of the project is likely to be provided?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) issued directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to existing units (Units-1 to 4 of 60 MW each and Units-5 & 6 of 110 MW each) of M/s Talcher Thermal Power Station vide letter dated 06.04.2018 to ensure compliance of the new emission norms by 31.12.2020. M/s Talcher Thermal Power Station had requested CPCB / Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for granting extension of timeline to comply with above direction. MoEF&CC vide dated 31.03.2021 has subsequently issued notification to grant extension of timeline to Thermal Power Plants for implementation of the new emission norms by December 2022, December 2023 and December 2024 based on the location of the plants.

As per information available from Central Electricity Authority (Installed Capacity Report June 2021), all six units of M/s Talcher Thermal Power Station (Total Capacity: 460 MW) have been retired w.e.f. 01.04.2021. MoEF&CC has granted expansion in Environmental Clearance for installation of 2X660 MW (Stage-III) coal based Ultra Super Critical Talcher Thermal Power Project, Near Talcher Town, Tehsil Sadar, Angul District, Odisha by M/s NTPC Ltd. on 12th September, 2018.
