

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.400  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022**

**THERMAL POWER PLANT AT SOLAPUR**

**†400. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:**

**Will the Minister of POWER  
be pleased to state:**

- (a) the power generation capacity of NTPC's Thermal Power Station Solapur, Maharashtra;**
- (b) whether the said power station is providing flyash/ash pond to the cement industry;**
- (c) if so, the time since when it is being provided along with the basis for the same and price thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to help small traders by providing free of cost power ash pond share to the wheat producers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal from wheat traders about providing free of cost power ash pond share by the thermal power station;**
- (f) if so, the details of immediate action taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (g) whether NTPC, Solapur has decided to sell its ash pond share to the cement industry; and**
- (h) if so, the immediate steps taken by the Government to stop this tender and to safeguard the interests of the farmers?**

**A N S W E R**

**THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

**(a) : The power generation capacity of NTPC's Thermal Power Station Solapur, Maharashtra is 1320 Mega Watt (MW).**

**(b) & (c): NTPC Solapur is providing fly ash / pond ash to all Ash users who participated and were successful in auction done through a transparent bidding process by M/s Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited (MSTCL).**

**The details of Fly ash being issued to cement industry from NTPC, Solapur are:**

- 1. From 08.11.2017 to 13.11.2018 at Rs. 320 per Metric Tonne (MT) through auction done by M/s MSTC Ltd.**
- 2. From 14.11.2018 to till date at Rs. 440 per MT through auction done by M/s MSTC Ltd.**

**(d) to (f) : Ministry of Power has not received any proposal from wheat traders for providing pond ash share free of cost by the thermal power station.**

**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) regulates Utilisation of fly ash by Thermal Power Plants (TPPs). As per the latest MoEF&CC Notification dated 31.12.2021, there is no provision for any specific dispensation for wheat trader/producers.**

**Setting up of a power plant is a de-licensed activity and TPPs take their own techno commercial decisions for operating their Plants in a viable manner and making their cost of electricity competitive. The demand for fly ash has been increasing. In order to bring in transparency and to restrict malpractices in the allocation of fly ash, Ministry of Power (MoP) vide letter dated 22.09.2021 has advised TPPs to consider the sale of fly ash through a transparent bidding process, so as to reduce the tariff of electricity for consumers.**

**(g) & (h) : NTPC Solapur conducted an auction, as per MoP advisory dated 22.09.2021, of pond Ash on 27.10.2021 through M/s MSTC Limited for all Ash users. Therefore, there is no need to stop this tender.**

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