

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3658 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.03.2025

Talcher Fertilizers Limited

3658. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

- (a) whether the construction work of Talcher Fertilizers Limited plant is going on at a snail's pace;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the construction work of the said plant is likely to be completed and production started?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Government of India mandated revival of Talcher unit of M/s Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL), located in Angul District, Odisha. Accordingly, a Joint Venture Company named M/s. Talcher Fertilizers Ltd. (TFL) has been incorporated for setting up coal gasification based Ammonia Urea Plant of 12.7 LMTPA capacity, which is first of its kind in India. LSTK contracts for Coal gasification and Ammonia Urea Package were awarded to M/s Wuhuan Engineering Company Ltd (WECL), China by TFL in September, 2019 and from December, 2019 onwards, COVID-19 pandemic which struck immediately after across the globe, having its epicenter at Wuhan, affected the progress of project in a severe manner till May, 2020. Later, multiple waves of COVID-19 pandemic struck India which resulted in enforcement of lockdown at local levels thereby impacting the progress of project schedule. Further, the progress of the project has been impacted due to backlog in procurement, construction and equipment erection by M/s WECL.

As on 28th February, 2025, the overall progress of the project is 65.66 %. As regards the Outside Battery Limit (OSBL) Packages, the overall progress is 77.62%. The OSBL Packages like OSBL Pipe rack, Plant lighting, Boiler-1 & Raw water treatment plant & DM Water Plant are in advanced stages of mechanical completion.

Because of above mentioned reasons, the project could not be commissioned by targeted timeline of September, 2024. The progress of the project is regularly reviewed by the JV partners & TFL Board and all efforts are being made by TFL for completion of the project. TFL is also conducting regular VCs with M/s WECL to resolve the pending engineering issues.
