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Title: Regarding Talcher Thermal Power Station-laid.

SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL): Talcher Thermal Power Station managed by NTPC completed fifty years of commissioning and both phases 1 and 2 have been shut down since 31st March 2021. Closure of this 460MW plant has left the future of 829 employees and thousands of beneficiaries in uncertainty. Officers who were from power department have been transferred to various plants across the country.

A few years back it was announced that there will be a 3rd phase before the closure of Phase 1 & 2 but it is nowhere visible. Whether the old plant will be restarted or work starting on the 3rd phase or setting up a new plant is not known. Government should spell out its plan and provide a status report. And if the entire thing is scrapped what will be the next step?

I urge upon the Ministry of Power to take necessary steps and give directives in this regard.