

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3928  
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REVIEW OF RAMAGUNDAM THERMAL POWER PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a detailed preliminary technical review received from Engineer India Limited for perusal of the Union Government in regard to FCI Ramagundam Thermal Power Plant for power generation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to commission a suitable consultancy to prepare a detailed techno economic study report to work out the cost implication, financial viability and feasibility of the Ramagundam FCI for power generation; and
- (d) if so, the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

- (a) : The Government of Andhra Pradesh, while addressing the Union Minister for Chemical & Fertilizers vide their letter dated 17th February, 2002, enclosed a copy of the Detailed Preliminary Technical Review report received from Engineers India Limited.
- (b) : The salient features of the Preliminary Technical Review report are :
- (i) It is uneconomical to re-utilize plant for production of Urea.
- (ii) It is possible to utilize the factory for production of Ammonia, Hydrogen, Methanol, provided there is adequate market for these products, consumers identified for sale these products and necessary long term purchase agreements are entered. In the absence of such consumers, this option is not viable.
- (iii) Re-utilisation of a part of the plant for power generation, both by using steam generators as well as the gasifiers.
- (c) : Yes, Sir.
- (d) : It was proposed that the techno-economic feasibility for conversion of Ramagundam Coal based fertilizer plant into a thermal power generating plant may be undertaken by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) NTPC have observed in this regard that the fertilizer plant requires extensive rehabilitation and substantial additional investment is required. Further, the cost of generation is expected to be substantially high. NTPC has, therefore, conveyed that it is not interested to take over the plant.