

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2132
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FLY ASH MANAGEMENT BY NTPC
Tarai Shri Bibhu Prasad

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has been served with closure notice on some of its units in Orissa by the Orissa State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) due to faulty fly ash management plan;
- (b) if so, the names and other details of these plants and the extent to which the closure will affect the power generation and consumers; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the NTPC to solve the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Madam.

Orissa State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) served closure notice on all the 4 units of the Talcher Super Thermal Power Station (TSTPS) Stage-II at Kaniha in Orissa due to issues relating to environment and ash management.

(b): Stage-I of the plant is of the capacity of 2x500 MW and stage-II of the plant is of the capacity of 4x500 MW. Closure of units at TSTPS has resulted in loss of generation of 340 million units during 2nd July – 13th July, 2011.

(c): Following the receipt of closure notice, NTPC took up with OSPCB and the Government of Orissa for revocation of notice. The closure notice was put on hold. Generation and supply of power resumed from 13.07.2011. An action plan comprising corrective measures is being implemented by NTPC and monitored by OSPCB.