

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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COMMISSIONING OF ASSAM GAS CRACKER PROJECT

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

- (a) the target set for the commissioning of gas cracker project, Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) in Assam showing the details of phase-wise implementation;
- (b) the domestic as well as international market link envisaged for the products and for the downstream industries;
- (c) the steps taken for creating awareness and training of entrepreneurs in phases for direct and indirect employment avenues; and
- (d) the details of recruitment drive made and planned for future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- (a) The Assam Gas Cracker Project (AGCP), being implemented by Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) is scheduled for mechanical completion by July, 2013 and commissioning by December, 2013. The cumulative physical progress, as on 15.07.2012, is 75.6% and the cumulative expenditure incurred, as on 31.07.2012, is Rs. 5090.47 crore.
- (b) The marketing of BCPL products will be done by GAIL India Limited. As per the marketing agreement between GAIL and BCPL, GAIL is committed to carry out the evacuation of Petrochemical products and byproducts of BCPL from the plant site at Lepetkata at Dibrugarh. This would facilitate marketing & liquidation of BCPL Petrochemical products in the region, on a commercial basis for maximizing returns/profits.
- (c) The Government of Assam is responsible for promotion and establishment of downstream plastic processing units as priority sector in the state as also providing technical and market support for entrepreneur setting up downstream industries. In addition, BCPL has also taken up awareness and industry sensitization programme to encourage entrepreneurs to set up plastic processing units in North-East Region.
- (d) As BCPL project is in construction phase, recruitment drives are organized depending on the requirement of the project. Out of total sanctioned 284 posts, 185 positions in various grades have been filled up.