

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

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NON EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL PEOPLE IN AGCP

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the on-going protests of different groups for non- employment of local people in Assam Gas Cracker Project;
- (b) if so, the steps the Government is taking to protect the interest of the local people;
- (c) the total employments made in the said project;
- (d) the percentage of local people employed in the project in category-wise and post-wise against the total posts;
- (e) the percentage of minorities employed out of total appointments made so far; and
- (f) the current status of Assam Gas Cracker Project ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): Yes sir, Brahmaputra Cracker & Polymer Limited(BCPL) has been advised to encourage deployment of persons belonging to North East States subject to the rules and regulations applicable to a Central Public Sector Enterprise. Further, BCPL have advised contractors to recruit local candidates for contractual jobs as per availability and qualifications. BCPL in association with Government of Assam is carrying out specialized training courses for equipping local people to meet the manpower requirement of the project. BCPL is carrying out recruitment of its manpower, wherever possible, through campus interview at institutions in North East States.

(c), (d) & (e): A total number of 33 employees have so far joined BCPL, out of which 15 (46%) are from North East and 2 (6%) are from minorities. The category-wise breakup of employees from North East is GET(Mech)-3, GET(Inst.)-3, GET(Chem)-3, GET(Elec.)-1, GET (IT)-4 and ET(PR/CC)-1.

(f): 1157 Acres of land has been acquired & possession taken thereof. Capital subsidy amounting to Rs.287.67 crores has been released and total expenditure of Rs.444.07 crores has been incurred till November,2009. Contracts have been awarded to Licensors for LLDPE/HDPE and PP Units. Process packages for LLDPE/HDPE swing units have been received in September 2009, while Basic Design Engineering Package (BDEP) for polypropylene unit was received in August, 2009. The BDEP for ethylene cracker has been received in November, 2009. Civil construction activities relating to construction power, site grading, administrative block building, product warehouse, plant and non-plant building have started. Financial Closure of BCPL has been successfully completed and loan agreements for Rs.1756 Crores have been signed.