

**Captive Power Plants for Fertilizer Units**

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

(a) how many gas-based fertilizer units have set up their own captive Power Plants ;

(b) the names of those gas-based fertilizer units ;

(c) whether some more gas-based fertilizer units have applied for permission to set up their own captive power plants;

(d) if so, how many of them have been allowed to set up captive power sets; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) One plant.

(b) Trombay.

(c) to (e) It is proposed to instal captive power facilities in all the new gas-based fertilizer plants. Captive power facilities are already being installed in the three gas-based plants under construction at Thal, Hazarika and Namrup.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Sir, are there any proposals to convert the gas-based fertilizer Plants into coal-based fertilizer plants? If so, what are the details of the same ? How many of the proposed new fertilizer plants are coal-based plants ? Is it a fact that one proposed coal based plant has not come up according to schedule because of non-availability of Plants and equipments and, if so, what steps are being taken to get such plants and equipments ?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : There is no proposal to convert any coal-based fertilizer plant into gas-based and no gas-based plant would be converted into

coal-based. Secondly, as far as some of the coal-based fertilizer plants, Particularly, Ramgundam in Andhra Pradesh, Talcher in Orissa and Korba in Madhya Pradesh are concerned, our experience is that the power supply is far from satisfactory. Here I would like to refer to the State from which the hon. Member comes. In the Talchar plant there is 100 per cent power cut for the last so many months and it is closed down, though the State had assured us full power supply when the plant was being set up. As it is, coal-based technology is not yet fully developed and fully stabilised. If they do not give power, which is the main requirement for a fertilizer plant, then we cannot make a success of the coal-based plants. I am afraid, we would not be able to take up even Korba, unless these two plants in Ramgundam and Talcher are working satisfactorily. Till then we cannot go in for Korba. This is the plight of the fertilizer plants today. Even for Ramgundam plant in Andhra Pradesh we have the problem of power. Even though the new thermal power plant, which the hon. Member has mentioned, is there, we do not get power from there. Then they ask for captive power plants, which is too costly. I really do not know how the economics is going to be worked out.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Is it a fact that provision is made for a phosphatic fertilizer plant at Paradip, keeping in view the encouraging supply of natural gas from the off shore of Paradip ? If so, what are the details, like the blueprint, the position of the land etc. ?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : The plant at Paradip is a phosphatic plant : it is not a gas-based plant. We are going to get phosphate in collaboration with Nauru. The whole phosphatic is going to be imported. I have already inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of that plant.

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री जी के प्रेडीसेसर ने यहां राजस्थान में एक गैस बेस्ड फर्टिलाइजर प्लांट लगाने की घोषणा की थी। उस सम्बन्ध में मैं उनसे

जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसकी क्या स्थिति है? राजस्थान में चूँकि पावर की बहुत शॉर्टेज है तो क्या कोई केप्टीव पावर प्लांट लगाने की योजना है?

श्री वसंत साठे : अध्यक्ष जी, राजस्थान के सवाई माधोपुर में गैम बेस्ड फर्टिलाइजर प्लांट लगाने का निर्णय ले लिए गया है। इससे वहाँ पावर की कोई दिक्कत नहीं होगी।  
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श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : कब तक आ रहा है।

श्री वसन्त साठे : आ रहा है। इन्तजार कीजिए। इन्तजार का फल मीठा होता है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप स्वागत की तैयारी कीजिए।

SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO : I am really surprised to know from the hon. Minister for the first time that in Ramgundam they are facing some shortage of power, because my information is that there is no shortage of power there. Since it is a coal-based plant and since coal, power and other things are easily available, I want to know whether you are able to utilize the capacity which has been slated there and what is the progress.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : At present the problem in Ramgundam is not shortage of power *per se*, but it is fluctuation. Those who know about fertilizer industry know well that in this industry the smooth, sustained supply of power is essential. Any fluctuation not only affects the port end but it also damages the equipment. The main problem at Ramgundam is that the equipment is affected by the fluctuation. Yet, the plant is producing to 40 per cent capacity.

SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN : Are you referring to political power or electric power?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : If you give the political power to run the fertilizer plant, I would not mind it.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि गैम पर आधारित जो नए उर्वरक कारखाने बनेंगे उनमें बिजली विद्युत सन्धियों की अपनी स्थापना होगी। जो पुराने उर्वरक कारखाने हैं जैसे वरौनी में है, जहाँ विद्युत आमूर्ति नहीं होने के कारण एक वर्ष से लगातार उसकी क्षमता गिरती जा रही है, वैसे उर्वरक कारखानों के लिये मंत्री महोदय क्या विचार रखते हैं? क्या उनके भी अपने विद्युत सन्ध बनेंगे?

श्री वसन्त साठे : जी हाँ, उनके भी अपने विद्युत सन्ध बनेंगे जैसे वरौनी के लिए यह तय किया गया है कि वहाँ सौलह मैगावाट का अपना खुद का सन्ध लगवाया जाएगा।

#### Pending Applications for Telephone Connections

\*861. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) how many applications for telephone connections are pending throughout India ;

(b) how many of them are pending in Kerala; and

(c) when those applications are expected be cleared and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) Applications to the tune of 6.81 lakhs are pending for telephone connections as on 1.3.83 in the country.

(b) About 31,300 applications for new telephone connections are pending in Kerala as on 31.3.1983.