

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

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REVIVAL OF CLOSED FERTILZIER PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the progress made for the revival of closed fertilizer plants including Talcher in Orissa;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to enter into joint ventures with private players for the revival of closed fertilizer plants; and
- (c) the time by which the several plants would commence production?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): The Government has decided 'in principle' to examine the possibility of revival of closed fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) including Talcher unit of FCIL subject to the confirmed availability of gas. The decision of the Government has been intimated to FCIL and HFCL for implementation. Fertilizer PSUs / Cooperative - Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF), National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) have shown their intention to participate in the revival process of certain units of FCIL and HFCL and accordingly process of preparing techno-economic feasibility reports has been initiated. There is no proposal to involve private sector in the revival process at this stage. Since the revival of the closed units of HFCL and FCIL is process oriented, it would not be feasible to indicate definite timeframe about their revival.