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DRAFT POLICY ON BIO-TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether genetically engineered (GE) foods help to feed the hungry in the world, Third world in particular;
- (b) whether the biotech industry is loosing the struggle for global acceptance of GM products; and
- (c) if so , the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) The draft National Biotechnology Development Strategy has been prepared and it was put on the website of Department of Biotechnology for eliciting views and comments. A large number of responses have been received from students, scientists, industries, research organizations, NGO`s etc and also the general public. As regards State Governments, comments have been received only from Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, which have been taken into consideration while modifying the draft.

(d) The Draft is now in the final stages of modification and editing based on the comments received.