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NATIONAL BIO- TECH POLICY

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the National Bio-Tech Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the country has been benefited by the said policy; and
- (d) the details of the areas benefited so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): A National Biotechnology Development Strategy having been approved by the Government of India, action has been taken for implementation of some major decisions such as Establishment of an independent National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority, Increased Public Private Partnership programmes, improved quality of Human Resource, creation of Centers of Excellence and other infrastructural facilities, new legislation for protection of IP in public funded R&D.

(c) & (d): A number of major new initiatives have been launched-

(i). Under the Public Private Partnership-SBIRI Scheme a total of 35 projects have been supported so far and 8 Centers of Excellence projects have been supported across the country.

(ii). Two new centers- Centre for translational research in health science and technology and UNESCO regional centre for science, education and innovation have been approved.

(iii). Special human resource initiative for quality improvement have been taken, such as setting up of Star colleges, teachers training programmes, etc.