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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up research institute for bio-gas, bio-diesel and solar energy in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) if so , the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount earmarked and sanctioned for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a), (b) & (c) : The Government has already established the Solar Energy Centre at Gwal Pahari, Gurgaon which serves as the technical focal point for solar energy development. Another institute- the National Institute of Renewable Energy - is coming up at Kapurthala in Punjab to play a similar role in the area of bio-energy including biogas and bio-diesel. A total amount of Rs. 16.00 crore has been allocated for both these Centres during 2010-11. This apart, it is envisaged under the recently approved Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission to support setting up of Centres of Excellence in different parts of the country.