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BIO-GAS PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the total quantity of bio-gas produced in the country at present;
- (b) the amount of subsidy provided by the Government for the setting up of bio-gas plants in the country;
- (c) the details of States where there is huge scope in the production of bio-gas; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase bio-gas production in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP), Biogas based Distributed Grid/ Off-Grid Power Generation Programme (BPGP) for installation of family type biogas plants for cooking and small and medium size plants for decentralized power generation applications. Large size biogas plants based on urban and industrial wastes are also being installed under the Programme on Energy Recovery from Urban and Industrial Waste for biogas based power generation. Application-wise number of biogas plants installed under these programmes along with an estimated capacity of biogas production in the country is given at Annexure-I.

(b): The amount of Central Financial Assistance/ subsidy being provided by the Ministry for setting up various types of biogas plants is given at Annexure-II.

(c): State-wise estimated potential for installation of family type biogas plants for the States having relatively huge scope of biogas production is given at Annexure-III.

(d): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has taken number of steps for increasing bio-gas production in the country through the implementation of the said biogas programmes besides providing central financial assistance. This includes organization of periodical trainings, meetings, discussions, business meets and seminars with various Stake holders namely, State Government Nodal Departments and implementing agencies, industries, entrepreneurs, technology providers, banks, financial institutions, users and other organizations associated with the implementation and popularization of various types of biogas plants in the country.