GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2969 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH. 2016

BIOGAS PRODUCTION

2969. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè ba plassed to state:

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent post-harvest burning of cane trash and ensure its usage to boost soil fertility, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is considering a dialogue with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) for the utilization of cane trash as a source for biogas production, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Crop residues including sugarcane trash can be used for the production of compost which can be applied as manure to improve soil health and fertility and also to prevent post-harvest burning.

(b): The compost produced from Pressmud is included in Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), vide this Ministry notification S.O. No 2776 (E) dated 10th October, 2015 as Bioenriched compost. This enables production/ manufacture and use of such compost as manure and also for other purposes such as biogas production.
