

Renewable Source of Energy Demands Through Production of Bio-Gas from Vegetable and Food Waste

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Abstract: The vegetable waste generated day by day for every households are increasing gradually. The Vegetable waste can be utilized for biomethanation process which is nothing but anaerobic digestion using bio gas plant. The bio gas plant is easy to manufacture by simple technique. It needs minimum cost investment and same can be utilized for every household. The vegetable waste, fruits waste and food waste can also be the part of a biomethanation process inputs. The gas produced by the plant is sufficient for a family of three to four for cooking and other utilization. The bio gas is renewable source and also called as gobar gas. In rural india the daily manure are still used as feed stock for biogas plants called "Gobar gas" for daily usage for a long period of time.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The biogas is a mixture of gases that is produced by the breakdown of organic matter and consists of methane and other particles constituents mostly in the absence of oxygen. The gas normally produced from raw materials such as agricultural waste, food waste and manure so as to get the anaerobic digestion with methanogen or organisms [1]. In general this system is known as anaerobic digester or a bio reactor or digester. The biogas is nothing but methane (CH₄) and carbon monoxide (CO₂) combusted with oxygen. The gas can be used as a fuel for heating purpose such as cooking and also for used to convert the energy for electricity [2].

The development of sustainable solution on renewable energy to satisfy the energy demands [3]. The renewable energy developed must not have any severe adverse effects on environment safety. The materials that produce these types of energy requirements are readily available and must be cheaper in cost of production. Environmentally acceptable waste which is produced already must be used appropriately for soil protection and also must be used for fertilizer to the plants growth [4]. The biogas plant is the conventional process that is used for generating the biogas as well as used for produce a fertilizer for the landfill. The biogas that can be produced on the decomposition of vegetable and food waste is composed of methane, carbon dioxide and impurities like hydrogen and some nitrogen [5].

The methane production and the anaerobic digestion of degradable organic matter is depends on the amount and kind of material that added to the digester system. The leftover foods and vegetable wastes with manure for anaerobic digester are subjected to energy production in different ways. There are many digestive system that are

available for the present day usage, like single phase , double or two phase digestion and fry fermentation system. The co digestion system is also a special king of digestion system that employs the positive results on improving the performance of the digestion. The improvement takes place on digestion medium and supply of nutrients for microorganisms [6].

II. BIOGAS PROJECT PLANT

LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) used in urban part of India and its prices are increasing day by day along with the global price increase. The only alternate solution is usage of biogas as cooking fuel even on urban areas. The small scale digestion facility has been already in usage in the countries like India, Nepal and Bangladesh where biogas is produced from the anaerobic digester and popularly known as gobar gas. An airtight circular vessel consists of a vegetable waste and food waste with cow dung used for operating the digester. A pipe connection at the top most part is used for fuel system and the middle one is to remove the manure in the form of liquid which will be discharged all the time when gas produces on the digester is shown in figure 1.

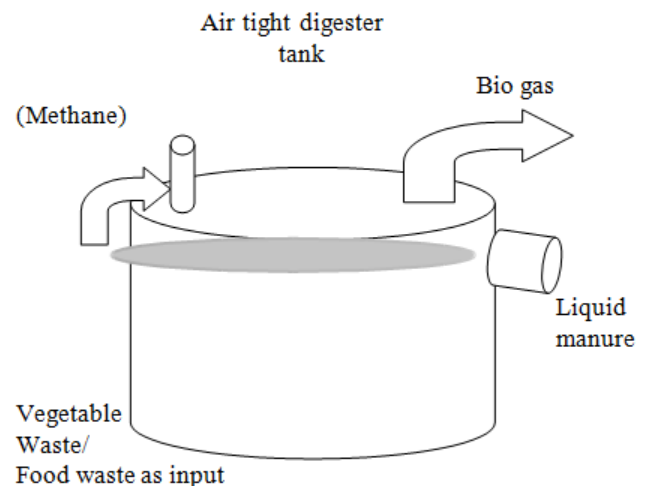


Figure .1 Bio gas generator system

The sintex tank is normally used for the simple digester plant for home made biogas plant. The bio gas generator consists of simple pipeline connection for methane gas for release.

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III. BIOGAS COMPOSITION AND UTILIZATION & RESULTS

The biogas composition of different compounds and their percentage of use are shown in Table.1. The composition depends on substrate concentration, temperature and pH value [7]. The biogas production depends upon the waste treatment of plants and the technology that used [8]. The average methane concentration may goes upto 75% methane production and also increased upto 80-90% with some advanced gas purification techniques [9].

Compound	Formula	%
Methane	CH ₄	50–75
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂	25–50
Nitrogen	N ₂	0–10
Hydrogen	H ₂	0–1
Hydrogen sulfide	H ₂ S	0.1 –0.5
Oxygen	O ₂	0–0.

Table: 1 Composition of biogas

IV. CONCLUSION

It is observed that the total leftover food from each household in India is increasing day by day and the vegetable waste is also increased every day. The alternate solution for the energy requirements for fuel usage is through biogas or the renewable sources of energy alone. The current study emphasis on the average biogas composition production by vegetable and food waste generated everyday in India is increased gradually. The food and vegetable waste mixed with manure and can be used as organic fertilizer. Through the use of renewable source of technology we can reduce the green house effects and makes the world into pollution free nations.

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