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Title: Regarding conservation of bee species -laid.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (SARAN): Beekeeping is a practice done since ancient times in India. There are communities that exclusively practice beekeeping as a profession. Honey production is also a focus across the National Horticulture Mission and the SFURTI Scheme. However, globally, bee population is declining. Over 500 million bees died in Brazil in the last 4 months. Many specific bee species are endangered across the world. In India, however, there is no official data on the different bee species, their numbers and conservation efforts. Bees are a huge factor in crop pollination and studies have proved that decline in bee populations will severely affect crop yield and also threaten nearly 500 fauna species. While we look at conservation efforts for tigers, elephants and rhinos, we must also make efforts to save these small species that affect the local farmers.