

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1347
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2024

NATIONAL BEEKEEPING AND HONEY MISSION (NBHM)

1347. Shri Navaskani K:
Shri C N Annadurai:
Shri Selvam G:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the NBHM has any plan for the specific support of honey hubs /clusters, if so, the details thereof and funds allocated therefor;
- (c) the total number of projects approved / sanctioned for funding so far under NBHM in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) the details of projects approved in Tamil Nadu for implementation in aspirational districts along with remote and other difficult areas;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps for empowerment of SC/ST/OBC women through beekeeping under NBHM, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase honey production, bee-population, conserve bee bio-diversity, scientific beekeeping and building related advantages for agricultural productivity and doubling farmers' income?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामनाथ ठाकुर)

(a): Yes Sir. Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) a Central Sector Scheme for promoting scientific beekeeping for holistic growth of beekeeping industry for income & employment generation, providing livelihood support to farm and non-farm households, to enhance agriculture / horticulture production.

Under the scheme, project based assistance is provided to eligible

implementing agencies for developing infrastructural facilities viz. setting up of Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs), honey testing labs, bee disease diagnostic labs, nucleus stock, bee breeders, HRD / capacity building, empowerment of women through Beekeeping etc. under Mini Mission-I; Setting up of collection, trading, branding, value addition, marketing centres, honey processing plants, storages, etc. under Mini Mission-II; and R&D under Mini Mission-III.

(b): 100 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have been allocated under the Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs, to focus on honey hubs / clusters. Besides this Rs.36.75 crore have been sanctioned under NBHM to 33 FPOs/bee keeper collectives, for specific areas of support.

(c) & (d): The total number of projects approved for funding so far under NBHM in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year wise for implementation in aspirational districts along with remote and other difficult areas are as under:

Year	No. of Projects approved / sanctioned	Implementing Agency
2021-22	--	--
2022-23	2	Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency (TANHODA) Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore
2023-24	1	Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore
Total	3	

(e): The implementing agencies make efforts to ensure participation of SC/ST/Women beneficiaries / farmers / beekeepers adequately in the trainings, seminars etc. organized as per NBHM Guidelines.

(f): DA&FW supplements the efforts of State Governments; Implementing Agencies and Stakeholder institutions / organizations to increase honey production, bee-population, conserve bee bio-diversity, scientific beekeeping and building related advantages for agricultural productivity and enhancing farmers' income through project based approach as per the provisions of Mini Mission I, II & III.
