

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5472  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001  
BEE KEEPING  
TEJVEER SINGH

**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the amount spent on bee-keeping by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and other such agencies during 1999, 2000 and 2001 as on July 31, 2001;
- (b) whether a survey has been carried out about the protection of bee-keeping industry in various States of the country particularly Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): The amount spent on bee-keeping by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during 1999, 2000 and 2001 is as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year      KVIC BUDGETARY SOURCE

1999-2000	58.00
2000-2001	8.00
2001-2002	4.00

(upto 31st July, 2001)

Apart from this, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Development of Bee-keeping for Improving Crop Productivity' till 2000-01. The total funds spent under the Scheme are as under :-

Year      Total funds released (Rs. in lakhs)

1999-2000	181.764
2000-2001	50.00
2001-2002	250.00 (allocation)

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Studies were taken up to see the adoptability of apis mellifera bee colonies which are not natives of India. The KVIC identified institutions for development of apis mellifera and apis cerana bee colonies in these states. Training was imparted to beekeepers on prevention of the sac brood disease. The programme of multiplication and distribution of disease free stock and rapid multiplication of

disease free bee colonies by adoption of modern techniques was also conducted.