

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether 50 to 70 percent apiculture industry is likely to be damaged due to out break of `Veroa Mite` pestilence in the Northern States of the country during this year;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect this industry and to provide relief to the farmers;
- (c) the details of the programmes undertaken in the country particularly in Rajasthan under the said scheme;
- (d) the amount spent thereon during each of the last two years, programme-wise, agency- wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the persons benefited therefrom during the said period

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the available information, there has been damage due to out break of `Veroa Mite` in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.

(b): Remedial measures have been taken up by State Governments for controlling Verora Mite by conducting awareness camps and educating the Beekeepers on established methods of controlling the mite through sulphur dusting and managing the honey bee colonies.

(c): The Khadi & Villages Industries Commission (KVIC) has undertaken awareness programmes in different parts of the country. However, no programme has been taken up by KVIC in Rajasthan as the State Beekeeping Extension Centre is equipped with the necessary infrastructure to conduct such awareness camps.

(d) & (e): The State-wise details of total funds allocated by the KVIC to the State Beekeeping Extension Centres during the last two years and number of persons benefited is given at Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

State-wise details of funds allocated to the State Beekeeping Extension Centres by KVIC and number of persons benefited.

Sl.No. Name of the State Beekeeping Funds allocated No. of persons  
Extension Centre (Rs.) benefited

1. Guwahati (Assam)	524400.00	517
2. Silong (Meghalaya)	505000.00	-
3. Kangra (Himachal Pradesh)	615000.00	200
4. Hiranagar (Jammu & Kashmir)	457500.00	400
5. Bassipathana (Punjab)	649500.00	30
6. Haldwani (Uttaranchal)	610000.00	1008
7. Nakur, Saharanpur (U.P.)	457500.00	163
8. Bhubaneswar (Orissa)	502500.00	200
9. Tiril Ranchi (Jharkhand)	502500.00	272
10. Patna (Bihar)	377500.00	577
11. Birati (West Bengal)	452500.00	400
12. Bangalore (Karnataka)	673300.00	91
13. Vijayarai (Andhra Pradesh)	574000.00	862
14. Trichur (Kerala)	615000.00	251
15. Nagarcoil (Tamil Nadu)	465500.00	225
16. Morena (Madhya Pradesh)	630000.00	100
Total	8611700.00	5296