

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF HONEY BY KVIC  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Honey producer in the country are being exploited by the multinational companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission has any proposal to procure honey from the farmers;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken by KVIC to improve the infrastructure for procurement of honey from farmers in various parts of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

- (a): No, Sir. No such complaint or report regarding exploitation of the honey producers by the multinational companies has been received by the Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is primarily playing a catalytic role in production and marketing of honey by encouraging the institutions to create infrastructure at local level.

KVIC also has three departmental honey trading units located at New Delhi, Pune (Maharashtra) and Tripunithurai (Kerala), which are purchasing honey from the nearby directly aided institutions/ beekeepers. Also, under a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – KVIC Joint Project, modern equipment, i.e., Honey Processing Plant, Bottling unit, Laboratory, comb foundation, etc., have been given to 12 directly aided institutions across the country, which procure honey from local beekeepers.