

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR BEEKEEPING FISHERY AND POULTRY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to various States for beekeeping, fishery and poultry activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the number of persons benefited under this scheme during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is also providing subsidy for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining states for the holistic development of horticulture sector. In order to maximize the production of horticulture crops especially cross pollinated crops, there is provision for providing assistance for pollination support through beekeeping in NHM and HMNEH. State wise details of funds allocated, released and number of persons benefited under beekeeping component during each of the last three years and the current year under NHM is given at Annexure- I and under HMNEH is given at Annexure-II.

To promote beekeeping, under NHM and HMNEH, assistance is provided to beekeepers for bee colonies with hives @ 50% of Rs 3,000/per colony of 8 frames, limited to 50 colonies per beneficiary.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DAHD&F) implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Poultry Development' in all States having three components viz. Assistance to State Poultry Farms, Rural Backyard Poultry Development and Poultry Estates. A Central Sector Scheme, 'Poultry Venture Capital Fund' is also being implemented through National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development(NABARD) since 2011-12, on capital subsidy mode @ 33.3% to SC/ST & North Eastern Region and @ 25% to others (earlier it was in interest-free loan{IFL} mode). State-wise allocations are not made under any of the DAHD&F schemes. However, the details of releases made under the schemes are given at Annexure III. The number of beneficiaries under "Rural Backyard Poultry Development" is given at Annexure IV.

Under Poultry Venture Capital Scheme, an amount of Rs. 500 lakh has been released to NABARD, out of which, Rs. 329.31 lakh has been further released by NABARD during 2011-12 (Annexure-V).

For fisheries sector, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is providing financial assistance to various States and UTs through Centrally sponsored/Central sector Schemes namely Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, Development of Marine Fisheries Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System for fisheries sector and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). State-wise details of the funds released under Fisheries sector schemes during 2008-12 are given at Annexure-VI-X.