

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HONEY PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a shortfall in honey production from honey/bees in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the production of honey bees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): There is no shortfall reported in honey production from honeybees in the country. However, the Government has taken the following steps to promote the production of honey/bee keeping by providing financial assistance under pollination support through beekeeping, a component of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

- i) production of nucleus stock of honey bees,
- ii) production of honey bee colonies by bee breeders,
- iii) distribution of honeybee colonies & beehives,
- iv) distribution of a complete set of beekeeping equipments, including honey extractor, food grade plastic containers, honey extraction net, etc.
- v) various capacity building programmes i.e. trainings/seminars/workshops etc.

In addition, Government has reconstituted the National Bee Board (NBB) for development of scientific beekeeping.