

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

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CENTRAL BEEKEEPING RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Beekeeping Research and Training Institute (CBRTI) has taken steps for use of Honey as food product;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether honey is utilised in cosmetic preparations and in medicines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURE
RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Honey being a primary food, the KVIC have prepared and circulated a booklet on 'Honey as most nutritious food'. Trials have been conducted for use of honey in various other forms.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Ayurvedic system recommends use of honey with other medicines for effective treatment without any side effect. Medicinal preparations include cough and throat syrups, tonics, eye drops, ointments for burns and wounds. Honey is also used in cosmetics such as body lotions, face creams, moisturizers, shampoos, soaps, for its anti-wrinkles and anti-bacterial properties.