

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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URAGEMENT TO APICULTURE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the various steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage apiculture industry in the country;
- (b) the number of projects regarding apiculture received from various States including West Bengal during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the number of proposals cleared and pending for clearance as on date; and
- (d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing various programs for encouraging apiculture in the country. The steps taken for encouragement of apiculture include:

1. Training on skill upgradation for Apis Mellifera and Cerana.
2. Skill upgradation for Apis Dorssata.
3. Quality upgradation by processing Honey, through Scientific Honey Processing Units.

Besides, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'National Horticulture Mission (NHM)'. Pollination support through bee-keeping is one of the component in the Scheme. DAC has also been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of State effort through Work Plan under which Development of Bee Keeping for Improving Crop productivity was one component. This component Scheme has been subsumed under NHM from 2005-06.

The National Horticulture Board (NHB) is also providing assistance for the promotion of Bee keeping through their scheme on Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management.

(b)&(c): The State-wise details regarding number of projects received and sanctioned by the KVIC and NHB during the last three years is given in Annexure. KVIC have received three projects under Rural Industries Service Center (RISC) Scheme from West Bengal, out of which two projects were sanctioned and one project was rejected/referred back.

(d): Only one project is pending for clearance from Andhra Pradesh, in KVIC, which is likely to be cleared by the end of December, 2005.

ANNEXURE

State wise Details of Projects sanctioned for Apiculture during the last three Years.

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of Projects Sanctioned			
		KVIC	NHB		
	Project received back	Project sanctioned on Scheme of Commercial Horticulture	Rejected/ re-ferred Under	Sanctioned Under	
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	2	-	1
2	Arunachal				

Pradesh				
3	Assam			
4	Bihar	7	4	3
5	Gujarat			1
6	Haryana		1	2
7	Jharkhand	4	2	2
8	Karnataka	1	-	1
9	Maharashtra	1	1	-
10	Kerala			3
11	Mizoram			3
12	Nagaland	2	1	1
13	Orissa	1	1	-
14	Rajasthan			8 8
15	Uttar	2	-	2 3 2
Pradesh				
16	Uttaranchal	2	-	2 1 1
17	Tamil Nadu			2
18	West Bengal	3	2	1
	Total	26	13	12 13 23