

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2243
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/08/2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF NBHM

2243. SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:
DR ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:
SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL:
SHRI BRIJ LAL:
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DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:
SMT. LAXMI VERMA:
DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:
SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM);
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to increase honey production, scientific beekeeping and related advantages for agricultural productivity?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): Yes. Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) a Central Sector Scheme through National Bee Board (NBB).
- (b): The objectives of National Beekeeping and Honey Mission are to promote scientific beekeeping for holistic growth of beekeeping industry, increasing production of honey and beehive products, income & employment generation, providing livelihood support to farm and non-farm households, women empowerment through beekeeping, to strengthen beekeepers by developing

institutional framework through collective approach and to enhance agriculture/ horticulture production. Under the scheme project based assistance is provided to eligible Implementing Agencies (IAs) forwarded by the Central/ State Nodal Agencies for various activities. These include setting up of Integrated Beekeeping Development Centers, honey testing labs, bee disease diagnostic labs, Quality Nucleus Stock Development Centre, capacity building, technology demonstration, empowerment of women through beekeeping etc. NBHM also supports marketing, branding, value addition and Research & Development.

(c): National Beekeeping and Honey Mission supplements the efforts of State Governments; Implementing Agencies and Stakeholder organizations to increase honey production, scientific beekeeping and enhancing agricultural productivity through project based approach, as per provisions of NBHM.

So far 7 world class honey testing labs, 66 mini labs to check adulteration, 83 honey processing units and 90 collection, branding & packaging units have been established. These support efficient storage and marketing. 81 Quality Nucleus Stock Development Centres have been supported for producing quality queen bees and colony multiplication so far. Production of Honey increased from 80,530 MT in 2014-15 to 1,51,690 MT as per Horticulture Crops Statistics (2nd Advance Estimates 2025-26) in 2025-26.
