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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 69**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**INTEGRATED BEEKEEPING DEVELOPMENT CENTRES**

69. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken for pollination support through Beekeeping as a component under National Horticulture Mission;
- (b) the number of Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres that have been approved/commissioned in 2017-18; and
- (c) the details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): In 2014-15, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India launched Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme, for holistic growth of horticulture sector in the country and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has become the part of MIDH. All States/ UTs are covered under MIDH. The State Departments of Horticulture/ Agriculture are the implementing agencies for implementation of the Mission's programmes/ components in the State/field. National Bee Board (NBB), is also designated as a National Level Agency (NLA) under MIDH for promotion of beekeeping.

Under MIDH for promotion of beekeeping, there is a component of "**Pollination Support through Beekeeping**". Under this component, assistance is provided for: (i) production of nucleus stock (public sector) @ 100%, upto the cost of Rs. 20.00 lakhs per project; (ii) @40% of the cost or Rs. 4.00 lakhs per project, whichever is less, for production of bee colonies by bee breeder for producing minimum of 2000 colonies per year; (iii) @40% of the cost or Rs. 800.00, whichever is less, per honeybee colony of 8 frames limited to 50 colonies per trained beneficiary; (iv) @40% of the cost or Rs. 800.00, whichever is less, per beehive with super, tools, etc. for 50 beehives & supers, etc. per trained beneficiary; and (v) @40% of the cost or Rs. 8000.00, whichever is less, for a complete set of beekeeping equipments including SS made honey extractor, food grade plastic containers, etc. per trained beneficiary.

Assistance is also provided for various capacity building/ HRD programmes for beekeeping (trainings & exposure visits of farmers/ beekeepers, officers/ field workers, etc.)

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and organizing seminars/ workshops, etc. on beekeeping and participation of beekeepers/ beekeeping & honey societies in Kisan Melas, Agri./Horti. Expos, Krishi Unnati Melas, etc. is also promoted for creating awareness and popularizing the scheme for the benefits of farmers/beekeepers. Details of the scheme are uploaded/ available on websites of MIDH and NBB, DAC&FW.

NBB is also providing technical support as well as implementing activities relating to beekeeping for development of scientific beekeeping in the country. Quarterly Magazine "Bee World" and Souvenirs having information on latest technologies, developments, etc. in beekeeping are also being published by NBB and distributed to the farmers /participants of the Seminars, etc.

(b) & (c): Six Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs) have been approved/ commissioned in 2017-18. Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs)/Centres of Excellence (CoEs) on Beekeeping are being set up by NBB in the States. The units/ centres: viz.; development of quality nucleus stock of honeybees, multiplication of nucleus stock/ colonies, bee disease diagnostic labs, honey testing lab, honey processing unit, beekeeping equipments manufacturing unit, information centre, capacity building & awareness, skill development, etc., which are required for holistic growth/ promotion/ development of scientific beekeeping including providing pollination support to the crops and increasing production of honey & other beehive products, are the part of IBDC. IBDC provide these facilities at one place and facilitate the beekeepers/beekeeping industry as a whole.

The State-wise & agency-wise details of IBDCs, approved/ commissioned in 2017-18, are given as under:

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the State	Details of the Institute/ University/ Department	Amt. approved
1	Karnataka	University of Horticultural Sciences, Udyanagiri, Bagalkot, Karnataka.	231.75
2	Himachal Pradesh	Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Holta, Palampur, HP.	125.00
3	Tripura	Directorate of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of Tripura, Tripura.	230.00
4	West Bengal	ICAR- Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH), Mokdumpur, Malda, West Bengal.	89.25
5	Andhra Pradesh	Dr. Y.S.R Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	178.80
6	Arunachal Pradesh	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Central Agricultural University (CAU), Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh	218.90

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