



Mithi Kranti



Bee Keeping-Sweet revolution

WHY BEEKEEPING??

- Beekeeping is an agro-based rural activity practiced by poor/landless labourers/farmers/rural youths/women, etc.
- Diversified agro climatic conditions of India provides great potential and opportunities for beekeeping.
- Beekeeping generates income and employment without disturbing natural resources.
- Beekeeping/Honeybees converts nector and pollen (otherwise go waste) into food by producing honey and other beehive products.
- Beekeeping also produces high value beehive products i.e. royal jelly, propolis, bee pollen, bee venom, bee bread etc.
- Honey bees help in increasing yield of various horticultural crops (fruits and vegetables) and agricultural crops (oilseeds, pulses, etc.) by providing pollination support.
- Manyfold enhancement in the yield of various crops through pollination support by Beekeeping has been recorded.



WHAT FARMERS CAN GET?

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1.	Development and Multiplication of Bee Stock	

	i).Production of nucleus (Pedigree) stock	Rs.20.00 lakhs/ project for Research Institutes / Public Sector.
	ii).Production of Bee colonies by Bee Breeders	40% of cost or Rs.4.00 lakhs/project (whichever is less)
2.	Distribution of 8 frame bee colonies (50 bee colonies per beneficiary)	40% of cost or Rs.800/ per set of bee colony (whichever is less).
3.	Distribution of beehives, supers, etc. (50 beehives, supers, etc. per beneficiary).	40% of cost or Rs.800/ per set of beehive, supers, etc.(whichever is less)
4.	Distribution of bee equipments [a set of one honey extractor of SS (4 frames) & 10 containers (30 kg each) of FGP /SS, 1 net & a set of other tools] / unit of 50 bee colonies / beneficiary.	40% of cost or Rs. 8000/- per set / per beneficiary (whichever is less).

WHAT FARMERS TO DO??

- Beekeepers/farmers are requested to practice scientific beekeeping, among others, which includes extraction of honey from Honey/Super chamber only, use of queen excluder, use of food grade plastic honey containers, SS made honey extractors, etc. for which the assistance available under MIDH may be availed.
- Never use antibiotics in bee colonies.
- Extract only sealed honey.
- Advisories issued by NBB for scientific beekeeping, time to time, may be adopted.

WHOM TO CONTACT?

- District Horticulture Officer
- Director Horticulture of the State Government
- Executive Director, National Bee Board, B wing, 2nd Floor, Janpath Bhawan, Janpath Road, New Delhi, Ph. No. 011-23325265, E-mail: nationalbeeboard.2006@gmail.com