

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF BEEKEEPING SCHEME:-

In order for pollination support to horticultural crops, GOI provides assistance in Bee keeping under Mission for Integrated Horticulture (MIDH) scheme. The details of the scheme may be highlighted as below:-

Pollination Support through Bee-keeping

1. In order to maximize agricultural production, honey-bee can be used as an important input. The responsibility of coordinating the bee-keeping development programme in State will be vested in the identified State Designated Agency (SDA) or any institution/society having capability. National Bee Board (NBB) will be responsible for coordinating beekeeping activity in states.
2. Assistance will be available for activities on development of nucleus stock of honey bees, bee breeding, distribution of honey bee colonies hives and bee keeping equipments (**Annexure V of MIDH Guideline**).

The cost norms of the scheme are given below:

Sl No.	Components	Cost Norms	Pattern of Assistance
1	Production of nucleus stock (Public sector)	Rs. 20.00 lakh	100% of the cost.
2	Production of bee colonies by bee breeder	Rs. 10.00 lakh	40% of cost for producing min. of 2000 colonies / year
3	Honey bee colony	Rs.2000/colony of 8 frames	40% of cost limited to 50 colonies / beneficiary.
4	Bee Hives	Rs 2000/ per hive.	40% of cost limited to 50 colonies / beneficiary.
5	Equipment including honey extractor (4 frame), food grade container (30 kg), net, including complete set of Bee keeping equipment.	Rs. 20,000/set	40% of the cost limited to one set per beneficiary.

Further, there is also provision to take up specific project proposal on Bee Keeping under Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) as per cost norms and pattern of assistance as prevailing under MIDH.