

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3784

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th AUGUST, 2026

NATIONAL BEEKEEPING AND HONEY MISSION

3784: SHRI RAHUL SINGH LODHI:

SMT. D K ARUNA:

SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

SHRI AMARSING TISSO:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) and if so, the salient features and objectives thereof;
- (b) the details of projects sanctioned and funds allocated for the North Eastern Region under the Mission during the last three years in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Assam in North Eastern Region and Telangana;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase honey production, promote scientific beekeeping, strengthen pollination services, improve quality standards and enhance farmers' income through beekeeping activities;
- (d) the number of bee colonies and beekeepers registered on the Madhukranti Portal under the Mission, State/UT-wise including Telangana;
- (e) the total number of projects sanctioned and the funds allocated, released and utilised under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission since its inception, State/UT-wise;
- (f) the outcome of the Mission in terms of honey production, employment generation and export promotion; and
- (g) whether Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam have been covered under the Mission and, if so, the details of projects sanctioned, beneficiaries covered and financial assistance provided therein?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NATH 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). The objectives of NBHM 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) 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.

(b) The details of projects sanctioned and funds sanctioned for the North Eastern Region under the Mission during the last three years, State-wise including Assam and for Telangana are as follows:

	State	No. of projects	Funds (Rs in lakh)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	8	952.29
2	Assam	14	1507.12
3	Manipur	6	574.53
4	Meghalaya	4	236.71
5	Mizoram	5	371.42
6	Nagaland	13	507.19
7	Sikkim	8	513.70
8	Tripura	2	285.85
9	Telangana	16	889.467

(c) NBHM supplements the efforts of State Governments; Implementing Agencies and stakeholders to increase honey production, promote scientific beekeeping, enhancing agricultural productivity and farmers income 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.

(d) 24,94,101 bee colonies have been registered by 16,788 beekeepers on Madukranti Portal. These include 8,275 registered bee colonies by 65 beekeepers from Telangana. State /UT wise information is given at **Annexure-I**.

(e) Total number of projects sanctioned, funds sanctioned and utilized under NBHM State/ UT wise is given at **Annexure-II**.

(f) NBHM has transformed the largely unorganized beekeeping sector into a technology-driven, market-oriented industry, enhancing income of small and marginal farmers/beekeepers. Honey production increased from 80,530 MT in 2014–15 to 1,51,690 MT in 2025–26 (as per Horticulture Crops Statistics, 2nd Advance Estimates 2025–26). During the same period, honey exports increased from 29,600 MT in 2014–15 to 114,570.19 MT in 2025–26, making India the world's second-largest exporter of natural honey.

(g) As reported by State government of Assam no project has been sanctioned in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam.

Annexure to the part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3784 to be answered on

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State/ UT Wise Status of Bee Colonies and Beekeepers registered on Madhu Kranti portal

	State	Registered Entities	Bee Colonies
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7	179
2	Andhra Pradesh	72	9523
3	Arunachal Pradesh	84	7925
4	Assam	517	18869
5	Bihar	839	176753
6	Chandigarh	1	10
7	Chhattisgarh	36	4376
8	Delhi	78	11310
9	Goa	4	130
10	Gujarat	132	19769
11	Haryana	3057	500574
12	Himachal Pradesh	502	79098
13	Jammu And Kashmir	2097	217268
14	Jharkhand	70	10483
15	Karnataka	737	17773
16	Kerala	129	29983
17	Madhya Pradesh	349	63163
18	Maharashtra	125	16398
19	Manipur	509	15568
20	Meghalaya	7	772
21	Mizoram	14	546
22	Nagaland	297	6910
23	Odisha	41	2655
24	Puducherry	3	750
25	Punjab	1328	308501
26	Rajasthan	1177	249501
27	Sikkim	24	728
28	Tamil Nadu	157	26223
29	Telangana	65	8275
30	Tripura	17	695
31	Uttar Pradesh	2996	512370
32	Uttarakhand	524	89346
33	West Bengal	793	87677
	Total	16788	2494101

Annexure-II

**Annexure to the part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3784 to be answered
on 11.08.2026**

Total number of project sanctioned, funds sanctioned and utilized State/ UT – wise under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission

	State/UT	Project Sanctioned	Funds Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Funds utilized (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	86.31	85.06
2	Andhra Pradesh	9	226.90	221.81
3	Arunachal Pradesh	13	1268.22	899.79
4	Assam	26	2679.13	2613.80
5	Bihar	18	1322.03	987.51
6	Chhattisgarh	14	489.70	434.01
7	Delhi	5	968.51	948.60
8	Goa	1	9.21	9.21
9	Gujarat	22	1816.31	1689.52
10	Haryana	17	1112.23	598.16
11	Himachal Pradesh	24	1806.13	1306.53
12	Jammu and Kashmir	26	1568.62	1476.70
13	Jharkhand	24	1281.94	947.88
14	Karnataka	25	1944.59	1672.89
15	Kerala	8	545.53	367.28
16	Madhya Pradesh	25	1814.38	912.52
17	Maharashtra	26	1817.17	1573.59
18	Manipur	12	727.90	716.27
19	Meghalaya	5	238.90	212.85
20	Mizoram	8	454.71	414.89
21	Nagaland	18	633.30	553.02
22	Odisha	13	300.81	297.56
23	Punjab	21	1683.54	1557.00
24	Rajasthan	26	1302.01	823.69
25	Sikkim	17	841.25	672.52
26	Tamil Nadu	20	800.59	706.72
27	Telangana	24	1778.94	1451.90
28	Tripura	4	306.54	239.32
29	Uttar Pradesh	63	4322.92	3122.09
30	Uttarakhand	35	4013.46	3280.18
31	West Bengal	28	2265.06	1838.35
	Central level	4	250.33	116.89
	Grand Total	584	40677.19	32748.11
