

**F. No.13-2/2021-NBB**  
**National Bee Board**  
**Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare**  
**Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**  
**Government of India**

**'B' Wing, Second Floor, Janpath Bhawan,**  
**Janpath, New Delhi – 110001**  
**Dated: 27.04.2021**

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the Managing Committee (MC) of National Bee Board (NBB) held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 02:30 PM in Committee Room No. 1, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-reg.**

Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Meeting of Managing Committee (MC), National Bee Board (NBB) held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary (AL), DAC&FW and Vice Chairman, NBB & Chairman, MC, NBB at 02.30 P.M. on 25.03.2021 in Committee Room No. 1, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, for kind information and necessary action.

**Encl: As above.**

**(Dr. B.L. Sarswat)**  
**Executive Director**

**To**

1. Additional Secretary & FA, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Joint Secretary & Mission Director (MIDH), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Horticulture Commissioner & Member Secretary, NBB, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Managing Director, SFAC, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, NCUI Auditorium Building, 3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi 110016.
5. Chairman, APEDA, NCUI Building, 3 Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi-16.
6. Chief Executive Officer, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KCIC), Gramodaya, 3, Irla Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai – 400013
7. Assistant Director General (Plant Protection), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
8. MD, National Horticulture Board (NHB), DAC&FW, Gurgaon, Haryana.
9. Dr. R.P. Phadke, Ex-Director, Central Bee Research Institute & Bee Keeping Industry, S.No.680/20, 'Yashoda' Eknathnagar (Part II), Bibvewadi, Pune – 411037, Maharashtra.

**Elected Members:**

10. Shri Jagjit Singh Kapoor, Managing Director, M/s.Kashmir Apiaries Export, Kashmir House, G.T. Road, Doraha-141421, District Ludhiana, Punjab
11. Shri Vimal Anand, Partner, Natural Honey Bee Products, 18/32, East Patel Nagar, N Delhi-08.
12. Shri Devvrat Sharma, M/s. Akhil Bharatiya Vikas Sansthan, 144-A, Pocket A, Dilshad Garden, New Delhi – 110095.
13. Shri Jaidev Singh, G-2, 3/39, Sector-5, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201005

14. Shri Om Prakash Gupta, S/o. Shri Ram Swaroop Gupta, B-10, Subhash Nagar, Near Raghu Atta Chakki, Bharatpur, Rajasthan.
15. Shri Kavuri Subba Rao, Flat No.404, Vijay Durga Apartment, Nagarjuna Homes, Nijampeth Road, Kukatapalli, Hyderabad-72, Andhra Pradesh.
16. Shri T. Ashuhrii Romeo, Vice-Chairman Jonts Charitable Society, Kids Camp, Shop No. 38, (NEIC) Takar Complex, Naharlagun, Papum Pore District, Arunachal Pradesh.

**Special Invitee:**

17. Inspector General (Wildlife), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC),  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi.

**Copy for information to:**

18. Sr. PPS to Secretary (AC&FW) & Chairman, NBB, DAC & FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
19. Sr. PPS to Additional Secretary (AL) & Chairman, MC, NBB, DAC & FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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NBB, DAC&FW**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE (MC), NATIONAL BEE BOARD (NBB) HELD ON 25.03.2021 at 02:30 P.M. IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.**

Meeting of the Managing Committee (MC) of National Bee Board (NBB) was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary, DAC&FW and Vice Chairman, NBB and Chairman, MC, NBB at 02.30 P.M. on 25.03.2021 in Committee Room No. 1, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

2. The Chairman welcomed the participants and asked Dr. S. K. Malhotra, Agri. & Horti. Commissioner (AC&HC) and Member Secretary, NBB for briefing about the meeting of MC, NBB. Accordingly, AC&HC mentioned that Managing Committee, NBB is comprising of 18 members, including 10 Govt. Officials / nominee and 8 members elected from different categories of members of NBB. Addl. Secretary, In-charge of Horticulture, DAC&FW is the Officio- Chairman of MC and Vice Chairman of NBB. Horticulture Commissioner, DA&FW is the Ex-Officio Member Secretary of MC & NBB. ED, NBB is the Ex-Officio Member of MC. The Managing Committee is the empowered committee for taking decisions for effective functioning of NBB. He asked Dr. B.L. Sarswat, ED, NBB to present agenda notes of the meeting. Accordingly, ED, NBB made Agenda item-wise detailed presentation for discussion as per the following details and proceedings of the meeting: -

**I. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting of Managing Committee(MC), NBB held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020:**

Managing Committee (MC) confirmed the Minutes of the meeting held on 03.03.2021.

**II. ATR on decisions of MC, NBB meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020:**

Detailed, Agenda item/decision-wise, Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken by MC in its meeting held on 03.03.2021, was presented by ED, NBB. **MC approved the ATR.**

**III. About revised NBHM & Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2020-21 approved under National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM):**

Details about Central Sector Scheme entitled **National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)** approved by Govt. of India for its continuation for further period of 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23) for Rs. 500.00 crores allotted under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Announcement for its implementation in the field for overall promotion and development of scientific beekeeping and to achieve the goal of “**Sweet Revolution**” were presented in detail.

Annual Action Plan (AAP) of Rs. 170.005 crores for the 2020-21 under NBHM, approved by the competent authority for implementation of various approved activities in the field by NBB, was also presented for perusal/ approval of MC. **MC approved the same.**

#### **IV. Progress of implementation of activities of NBB in 2019-20 & 2020-21, till date:**

The activity-wise detailed Physical & Financial Progress Reports/ Annual Reports of implementation of activities by NBB during the years **2019-20 & 2020-21 (as on 25.03.2021)** were presented in detail. **MC noted the same and approved.**

#### **V. Presentation on Audit Report/ Balance sheet of NBB for the year 2019-20:**

The detailed Audit Report/ Annual Report/ Balance Sheet, etc. of NBB for the year 2019-20 was presented. **MC noted the same and approved.**

Chairman mentioned that the meetings of MC may be organized quarterly/ regularly. It was also mentioned/ decided that the members which are not paying Annual Subscription for last more than two years should be issued notice by giving 3 months' time for depositing all dues. If due amount of subscription is not paid within this period, their membership should be cancelled.

#### **VI. Induction of new Members with NBB:**

The category-wise details of 12 applications received for membership of NBB under various categories were presented. Breakup of 12 applicants is: **(I) CATEGORY (A):** Corporate Member, Central Govt. Deptts/ Agencies, Cooperatives/ Federations & other promoted by Central Govt./ State Govts., etc. (4); **(II) CATEGORY (B):** Beekeeping & Honey Societies (2); **(III) CATEGORY (C-I)** Individual Beekeepers (4); **(IV) CATEGORY (C-II)** Apiculture Scientists & Development Workers (1); and **(V) CATEGORY (D)** Beekeeping Equipment Manufacturers/ Wholesalers/ Traders and Packers of Bee Products (1).

Out of these 12 applicants, 9 applicants, including 3 applicants/ organizations under Category (A); 1 under Category (B); 4 under Category (C-I); and 1 under Category (D) were approved by MC, NBB for induction as Member, NBB after completing all requisite formalities/ documents.

Regarding application of NCDC, MC decided that organization may be considered for induction as Member, NBB under the Category-A of Corporate Members not as Govt. nominee, after completing all requisite documents/ formalities.

Regarding application of Scouts & Guides for Animals & Birds under CATEGORY –B: Beekeeping & Honey Societies, it was decided that for membership of organization under this category, completion of 2 years' period of registration of honeybee colonies with NBB is essential for applying for membership of NBB. Since, no honeybee colonies are registered with NBB, not eligible for membership of NBB. Hence, proposal was rejected by MC, NBB.

As regards, applicant under Category C (II), it was decided that applicant should submit his application through the university with proper recommendation. Category-wise list of applicants including details of applicants considered for induction as member, NBB is **enclosed as Annexure-II.**

#### **VII. Matters relating to contractual Staff of NBB, including revision in pay/ remunerations as approved under NBHM, and other related benefits:**

**MC deferred the agenda** with the comments that the issue may be examined on file and decided with the approval of Competent Authority/ Chairman, MC, NBB.

**VIII. Approval of RRs for the posts of ED, NBB & other approved posts /staff of NBB approved by MC, NBB:**

**MC deferred the agenda** with the comments that the issue may be examined and finalized / approved by Competent Authority/ Chairman, MC & Chairman, NBB on file.

**IX. Transferring funds /savings of NBB in fixed deposit account, as advised by CA Firm:**

MC approved the proposal of depositing surplus amount generated with NBB during the last five years, i.e. **Rs. 1,98,54,045/-** in Bank's Fixed deposits/ accounts, as suggested by CA firm.

**X. Any other issues with permission of the Chairman, MC, NBB:** The following issues were also presented/ discussed & decided:

- a) Opening of new Bank Account in Allahabad/ Indian Bank for Online Registration/ Traceability source of honey & other beehive products. MC approved for opening a dedicated/ separate new account in Indian Bank for implementation of online registration/ system of traceability source of honey & other beehive products being developed by the Bank under NBHM.
- b) The proposal for charging 1% processing fee by NBB on total sanctioned amount of the project from all organizations/agencies, except Research/ SAU/ ICAR, etc. & all Central Government Institutes/ Agencies, in place of existing provision of charging on cost of the project from all organizations/ agencies, except Research/ SAU/ ICAR, etc., was not approved by MC, NBB.
- c) **Sample collection for QSI:** MC deferred the agenda with the comments that it may be examined on file in consultation with IC Division, DAC&FW.
- d) **Issue of organizing AGM, NBB** was also discussed and it was decided that AGM may be organized in the months of September-October, 2021, if situation permits.
- e) The following issues were also raised by some of the members of MC, NBB:
  - (i) Thrust may be given on production of other beehive products, viz.; bee pollen, wax, propolis, Royal Jelly, etc.
  - (ii) Plantation of bee friendly plants on roadside. Eucalyptus, which is good for beekeeping, may be promoted. Shri Devvrat Sharma, Member, MC, NBB mentioned that he will provide a detailed list of plants favourable for bees;
  - (iii) There is long channel for submitting proposals under NBHM, i.e. through Distt./ State Level Committees which is more time consuming. It may be simplified;
  - (iv) Shri Jagjit Singh Kapoor mentioned that average production of honey per hive is low which may be increased by importing/ adopting good technologies available world-wide;

- (v) Shri T. Romeo, Member from NE Region mentioned that no support for beekeepers is given by the State Govts. under MIDH scheme. For MSME scheme, NBB may be designated as Nodal Agency.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**Meeting of the Managing Committee, National Bee Board (NBB) held on 25.03.2021 at 02.30 P.M. in Committee Room No. 1, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

<b>S. N.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>	<b>Signature</b>
1	Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary (AL) & Vice Chairman, NBB and Chairman, MC, NBB	DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi		Chairperson
2	Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Agriculture Commissioner & Horticulture Commissioner	-do-		Member Secretary
3	Dr. B.N.S. Murthy, OSD	-do-		-
4	Dr. B.L. Sarswat, ED, NBB	-do-		Ex-Officio Member
5	Shri Jagjit Singh Kapoor, Member, MC, NBB	Kashmir House, G. T. Road, Doraha-141421, District Ludhiana, Punjab		Member
6	Shri Devvrat Sharma, Member, MC, NBB	144 A, Pocket A, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095	9711730876	Member
7	Shri T. Ashuhrii Romeo, Member, MC, NBB	Kids Camp, Shop No. 38, (NEIC) Takar Complex, Naharlagun, Papum Pore District, Arunachal Pradesh.		Member
8	Shri Jaidev Singh, Member, MC, NBB	G-2, 3/39, Sector-5, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP - 201005		Member
9	Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, AD (Crops)	DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi		
10	Dr. Pooja Singh, Consultant	-do-		

## Agenda Item- VI

**Category-wise list of details of applications received for Membership of NBB, including details of applicants approved by MC, NBB for induction as Member, NBB**

**(I) CATEGORY –A: Corporate Member, Central Govt. Deptts/Agencies, Cooperatives/ Federations/ FPOs/ FPCs/ SHGs, etc. & other promoted by Central Govt./State Govts., etc. These organizations are exempted from pre requirement of registration of honeybee colonies with NBB**

S.N.	Applicant's details applied for Membership of NBB	NBB Registration No. (if any) & No. of Bee Colonies at the time of Registration	Period completed as Registered entity	Remarks
1	M/s Sunlite India Agro Producer Company Ltd., B-110, First Floor, Suraj Mal Vihar, East Delhi -110092	Registration No.CN7/005/100X/A.18/NBB, dated; 4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018, No. of Bee Colonies-1000	2 Years and 11 months.	Being FPO/ FPC in beekeeping, eligible for membership. Requisite fee & other documents received/ completed. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB
2.	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), NAFED House, Siddhartha Enclave, Ring Road, Ashram Chowk, New Delhi-110014	No. Not Required/ Not Applicable (NA).	NA	Being National Cooperative Federation, eligible for membership. Requisite fee & other documents received/ completed. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB
3.	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)- applied for Govt. Nominee.	No. Not Required/ Not Applicable (NA).	NA	Fee & other Requisite documents not received. Being National Cooperative Corporation, MC, in-principle, approved for induction as Member under the category of Corporate Member, if requisite fee/ documents are completed by organization.
4.	Krishi Vikas Sahakari Samiti Ltd, T-10, Agrasen Tower, Vidhyadhar Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan-303023	No. Not Required/ Not Applicable (NA).	NA	Being Central/ Multi-State Cooperative/ Agency eligible for membership. Requisite fee & other documents received/ completed. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB



<b>(II) CATEGORY –B: Beekeeping &amp; Honey Societies</b>				
<b>Eligibility Criteria: . 2 years registration. Cooperatives/ Cooperative Federations, Societies/ Agencies promoted by Central/ State Govts. are exempted from Registration. For other beekeeping &amp; honey Societies, eligibility criteria remain the same i.e. 2 years registration is required.</b>				
<b>S.N.</b>	<b>Applicant's details applied for Membership of NBB</b>	<b>NBB Registration No. (if any) &amp; No. of Bee Colonies at the time of Registration</b>	<b>Period completed as Registered entity</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), 3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016- Registered under Society Act- Promoted by Govt. of India	No. Not Required/ Not Applicable (NA).	NA	Society promoted by M/o Agri.&FW, Govt. of India. Requisite fee & other documents received/ completed. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB
2.	Scouts & Guides for Animals & Birds, C-38, Rose Apartment, Prashant Vihar, sector-14, Rohini, Delhi	Honeybee colonies are not registered with NBB	Honeybee colonies are not registered with NBB	Not eligible. 2 years' registration of honeybee colonies with NBB is essential for applying for membership of NBB. Since, no honeybee colonies are registered with NBB, not eligible for membership of NBB. Hence, proposal was rejected by MC, NBB.

**(III) CATEGORY -C-(1) Individual Beekeepers: -**

**Eligibility Criteria-** One year of Registration with NBB is required.

<b>S.N</b>	<b>Applicant's details applied for Membership of NBB</b>	<b>NBB Registration No. (if any) &amp; No. of Bee Colonies at the time of Registration</b>	<b>Period completed as Registered entity</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Shri. Pawan Deep Singh, S/O Shri. Shamsher Singh, Village and Post- Jethuwal, Batala Road, Amritsar, Punjab	Registration No. AN/24/772/20X/M-14/NBB dated 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2014, 200 Bee Colonies,	4 years,	Eligibility criteria fulfilled & all requisite documents/ fee received. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB.
2	Shri. Guralp Singh, S/o Shri. Sardar Kewal Singh, Village and Post-Mattewal, Amritsar, Punjab	Registration No. AN24/054/25X/M-11/NBB, dated; 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011, No. of Bee Colonies - 250	4 years and 10 months	Eligibility criteria fulfilled & all requisite documents/ fee received. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB.
3	Shri. Chandan Khadiyal S/o Shri Madan Lal Sharma, House No. 2647, Sector 37C, Chandigarh, UT 160036	Registration No. AN24/811/10X/F.16/NBB dated; 29 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016, No. of Bee Colonies-100	5 years.	Eligibility criteria fulfilled & all requisite documents/ fee received. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB.

4	Shri. Jagadish Singh, S/o Ghamandi Singh, C/o Shri Lochand Singh, Advocate, Bhatnagar wali gali, Ganesh Pura, Morena, Madhya Pradesh, 476001	Registration No. AN16/197/45X/N.18/NBB dated; 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018. No. of Bee Colonies-450,	2 Years and 4 Months	Eligibility criteria fulfilled & all requisite documents/ fee received. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB.
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**(IV) CATEGORY – (C.II)- Apiculture Scientists & Development Workers:**

**Eligibility Criteria-** Without any Registration

S.N.	Applicant's details applied for Membership of NBB	NBB Registration No. (if any) & No. of Bee Colonies at the time of Registration	Period completed as Registered entity	Remarks
1.	Dr. Ataur Rahman, S/o – Shri Abdul Rahman, Principal Scientist, AICRP (HB&P), Assam Agrl. Uni., Jorhat, Assam .	Exempted	Not mandatory	Recommendation of University is awaited.

**(V) CATEGORY –D Beekeeping Equipment Manufacturers / Wholesalers / Traders and Packers of Bee Products.**

**Eligibility Criteria-** Registration not mandatory.

S.N.	Applicant's details applied for Membership of NBB	NBB Registration No. (if any) & No. of Bee Colonies at the time of Registration	Period completed as Registered entity	Remarks
1	Shri Madan Lal Sharma, Proprietor, M/s Global apiaries(India), Village – Fathpur, P.O. : Rampur Saina, Tehsil – Derabassi, Distt: SAS Nagar, Mohali , Punjab	Registration No. DN/24/009/200X/M.17/NBB Dated; 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017. No. of Bee Colonies : 2000	4 Years	Eligibility criteria fulfilled & all requisite documents/ fee received. Hence, approved for induction of Member by MC, NBB.