

**F. No. 20-15/2017-NBB**  
**National Bee Board (NBB)**  
**Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW),**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**  
**Govt. of India**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated: 25.03.2020**

**To,**  
**Directors/ Secretaries of Horticulture/ Agriculture of all State Govts.**

**Subject: Permission to the beekeepers to move /migrate their honey bee colonies & honey-reg.**

**Dear Sir,**

Forwarding the mail / representation received regarding the hardship that is being faced by the Beekeepers of the country with respect to migration of their colonies, in view of the lock down as essential measure against COVID19. Therefore, it is requested that suitable instructions/advisory may kindly be issued to the authorities to permit the transport of honey bee colonies by the beekeepers as and when they approach the local authorities.

With Kind regards  
Dr. BNS Murthy  
Horticulture Commissioner & Mem Sec., National Bee Board.

Dear Dr. Saraswat Ji,

I forward the attached mail to you also with the request that an early action may kindly be got done. You, very well understand the plight of beekeepers and it is you only who can help them.

With kind regards  
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Respected Sir,

I forward the attached request on behalf of the Beekeepers of North India to your good self with the request that the problem of the beekeepers may be considered in view of the lock down as essential measure against COVID19 and suitable instruction got issued.

With respectful regards  
Yogeshwar Singh

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Dated: March 25, 2020

To,  
Ms Vasudha Mishra Ji, IAS,  
Spl. Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI  
Krishi Bhawan New Delhi. Mail: [asc-agri@gov.in](mailto:asc-agri@gov.in)

**Subject: Permission To Move Their Honey Bee Colonies To Beekeepers-reg.**

Respected Madam,

I, respectfully invite your kind attention to the declaration of lock down in whole of the Country as an essential measure against the COVID 19 by Hon'ble Prime Minister w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. We all, including all the beekeepers in the Country, are committed to abide by this National call by our respected PM. However, I submit an urgent requirement of your beekeeping programme for your kind consideration.

As per the seasonal cycle the beekeepers have to move their honey bee colonies to the flowering crops, plantation and suitable grove areas. During the winter months the beekeepers from different areas of north India move their honey bee colonies to south western UP, Rajasthan and Gujarat in mustard, *Saunf*, Coriander etc. This is an essential operation in beekeeping for taking honey crop and simultaneously providing pollination service to the crops for better yields. The flowering in these areas is now over and some of the beekeepers have moved their bee colonies. Yet some other beekeepers have been preparing to move but, in the mean time measures against COVID 19 have been declared. If the beekeepers do not move their bee colonies for 3 weeks they will suffer for shortage of food due to non-availability of flowers and also the rising heat in these areas. For moving the honey bee colonies (boxes) the beekeepers have to pack them during the day, load them in the truck/carrier after sun set and move them in the night reaching their destination by morning. ***If the beekeepers fail to move their bee colonies now they will have to suffer with huge losses.***

It is, therefore requested on behalf of the beekeepers that suitable instructions/advisory may kindly be issued to the States to permit the transport of honey bee colonies by the beekeepers as and when they approach the local authorities.

With respectful regards

Yours' faithfully,

Yogeshwar Singh