As you may be aware, a Beekeeping Development Committee (BDC) was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, EAC to PM, to take lead in promoting and coordinating activities involved in beekeeping industry so that “Sweet/ Golden Revolution” in the country could be brought about. Further, two Sub-Committees (I & II) were also constituted by the BDC in its first meeting. The details about this were informed to your Department/ Organization/ Agency, vide this Department’s letter No.40-1/2018-NBB, dated 25th June, 2018. BDC, after detailed consultations with all the stakeholders in the meetings held in different places/ area/ zones, has submitted its final report. 14 recommendations have been made by the BDC for implementation. Report of the Committee is already available on websites/ two following links:-


2. BDC has also recommended the Department/ Organization/ Agency-wise Roles and Responsibilities for effective implementation of the recommendations of the Committee. Among others, the following roles and responsibilities (Recommendation No.12) have been recommended for performing by your Ministry/Department:

(i) APEDA, M/o Commerce & Industry shall help in export of honey with simplified procedures including honey from native bee species.
(ii) The domestic players and the exporters of honey shall be brought in line by APEDA for promoting honey export.
(iii) An Export Promotion Council on Honey and Bee Products shall be formed in consultation with Ministry of Commerce & Industry and HPBI.

3. Further, among others, it is recommended to establish Honey & Pollinators Board of India (HPBI) as a full fledged agency by institutionalizing National Bee Board (NBB) to synchronize the efforts of multiple agencies so that beekeeping & overall development of apiculture in the country can get a boost.
4. It is also informed that a Question on the BDC report was also raised in Rajya Sabha during the previous Monsoon Session of Parliament, particularly, the status of implementation of the recommendations of BDC report. All concerned Ministries/Organizations were requested for the information. A Reply given to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat has become Parliament Assurance. The details of same were also informed to all the concerned Ministries/Departments/Agencies, vide this Department’s letter dated 04.10.2019, with the request to send the information about the status of implementation of BDC recommendations concerned to their departments. However, till date no reply has been received.

5. Since beekeeping has been recognized as one of the important activities which can contribute in doubling farmers’ income, more thrust is being given for promotion of scientific beekeeping by the Government. Therefore, acceptance of the recommendations of BDC report will boost Scientific Beekeeping in the country.

6. Keeping in view the above, you are requested to send your comments/views/ATR (Action Taken Report) in the matter as early as possible/within one month time to initiate action for further finalization & submission to the Government. It is also requested that a Senior Officer from your Ministry/Department/Organization may be nominated as “Nodal Officer” for further correspondence in matter.

With regards,

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