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National Bee Board (NBB)  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Government of India

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -110001

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Tel.No.011-23382226

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,  
Department of Forest  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

**Subject: Request for solving the problems of beekeepers being created by the forest officials of Madhya Pradesh- regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of letter of Shri Suresh Dhakad, Village: Bastoli, MP and Ashok Dhakad, Village: Sunhera, MP on the subject mentioned above, and to request you to take action for solving the problem of the Beekeepers. These beekeepers and their friends kept their bee boxes in the forest areas of Vijaypur, Shyopur, Shipuri, MP. They have mentioned that they are being harassed by Shri Mahesh Uppadhhay, Deputy Ranger for keeping their bee boxes in forest area. They mentioned that Shri Mahesh Uppadhhay took 10 containers/tins of honey and warned to pay Rs.1.00 per day for each box for keeping bee colonies/ boxes in the forest

2. It is mentioned that beekeeping plays an important role in Agriculture/Horticulture. It supports pollination of crops and enhance their yield besides producing honey and other bee hive products. Beekeeping also helps in Biodiversity & Environmental sustainability. Beekeeping is being promoted by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India under Mission of Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). The State Deptts. of Horticulture/ State Horticulture Missions (SHMs) are the implementing agencies under MIDH. Recently, Government of India has approved a new Central Sector Scheme titled **National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)** to achieve the goal of Sweet/Golden Revolution. Further, it is to inform that the **Beekeeping Development Committee (BDC)** constituted under the chairmanship of the **Chairman, Economic Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister (EAC to PM)** has also submitted its report for promoting and improving beekeeping in a big way in the country.

3. Keeping in view of the above, creating problems in placing Honeybee colonies/ Bee Boxes in Forest areas/ adjoining areas may discourage the beekeepers/beekeeping in the state/ country in the efforts of the Govt. of India. Time to time the State Govts. have been requested to address these problems so that beekeepers/beekeeping may be encouraged in the State/ Country. Recently a d.o. letter has been written to the Chief Secretaries of the States. A copy of the same is enclosed for ready reference. Therefore, you are requested to consider the request of the beekeepers and issue directions to the concerned forest officials in the district/state to solve **the problems of the Beekeepers in the interest of this important activity.**

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B.L. Sarswat)  
Executive Director

Copy for information and necessary action to:

- (i) The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (ii) The Director of Horticulture and Mission Director, State Horticulture Mission, Govt of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, M.P.
- (iii) Shri Suresh Dhakad, Village- Bastoli, Madhya Pradesh.