F.No.40-2/2020-NBB Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare National Bee Board

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 03/8/2021

ORDER

Subject: Recognizing Beekeeping/ Honeybees as an Agriculture Input -reg.

Considering the importance of Beekeeping/ Honeybees in enhancing crop productivity through pollination support and also in compliance to the recommendation of high level Beekeeping Development Committee (BDC), it has been decided to treat Beekeeping /Honeybees as an Input in Agriculture. This will boost agricultural production through pollination enhancement in crops in a sustainable manner in the country.

2. In view of the above, ICAR Research Institutes/ Central & State Agricultural Universities (CAUs/SAUs) / Departments of Agriculture/ Horticulture of State Governments & UTs, and other concerned departments/ organizations dealing with crop production are directed to include Beekeeping/ Honeybees as an input in the Package of Practices recommended for a particular crop and region.

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

(S.K. Malhotra)

Agriculture & Horticulture Commissioner

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- i. Chief Secretaries of all the State Govts.
- ii. DG, ICAR with the request to circulate the order with the directions to all the concerned ICAR/ Research Institutes/ Central & State Agricultural Universities (CAUs/SAUs).
- iii. All concerned Central Ministries/Departments.
- iv. Adviser, NITI Aayog
- v. Chairman, CACP, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.
- vi. Chairman, NABARD with the request to circulate the order with the directions to all the concerned Financial Institutions/Banks.