

Improve life style through BEEKEEPING



Category:- Beekeeping and honey processing

Challenges:-

Mustard and coriander crops are the major crop of Kota region grown during rabi season having good source of nectar for honey collection. Farmers are not aware about beekeeping and honey processing due to lack of technical knowledge. They agree for selling of raw honey at low rate *i.e.* Rs. 70 to 80 per kg. Therefore, technical knowledge to the farmers, farm women and youth about beekeeping and honey processing is needed for self-employment and selling of processed honey at higher rate.

Initiative:-



A honeybee project entitled “Strengthening of state level beekeeping centre” funded by RKVY is functioning at ARS, Kota since 2014-15 for a period of 5 year. Under this project various training programmes on beekeeping were organizing for self-employment to farmers, farm women and youth. Beekeeping technology disseminated through trainings, awareness camps, kisan mela, kisan gosthi and news paper for the awareness of the farmers about beekeeping. Honey processing and bottling machine established at ARS, Kota for processing of raw honey.

Result:-

- 300 farmers and rural youth were trained for beekeeping.
- Honey processing facility provided at ARS, Kota to the producers @ Rs. 3/kg raw honey.

Impact:-



“Parminder Sharma was frustrated due to unemployment and he was dependent on his parents having very low income from traditional farming on small land holding. He contacts at ARS Umedganj, Kota for searching job and guided him here about beekeeping entrepreneur. He got two days beekeeping training at ARS, Kota during 2014. After training he started beekeeping with 80 honeybee colony. In Kota district various crops like mustard, coriander, eucalyptus, barseem, wild keekar are useful for beekeeping and after that he migrated their honeybee colonies to Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh during dearth period. Presently he maintained 200 honeybee colonies and earned approximate Rs. 5 to 6 lacs per year from selling of honey. He has received various awards and certificates on beekeeping like प्रक्षेत्र प्रवर्तन पुरस्कार-2015, Koashal Krishak Samman-2017 and Skill India Development certificate -2017 for appreciable work on beekeeping.”

Personal information of beneficiary:

Name and Address: Parminder Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Karan Sharma,

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Lesson learned:-

The traders procure raw honey from producers at low rate *i.e.* approximate Rs. 70 to 80 per kg. Therefore, minimum support price (MSP) of raw honey may be decided for the benefit of beekeepers. If MSP of raw honey decided then beekeeping may be good field of entrepreneurship development for employment generation in rural youth.