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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFFs)
All State/Union Territory Governments

Sub: Exploitation and Production of Honey in forest areas and its Transportation regarding

Sir,


I am directed to inform that issues related to the status of apiculture in India and problems being faced by this sector particularly in exploitation and production of Honey and its transportation have been discussed in the various meetings held by NITI Aayog and PMO with the representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and MoEF&CC, etc.

2. One of the issues raised in the meeting is as under:

"It was pointed out that the State Forest departments have been putting restrictions on exploitation and production of Honey in forest areas. MoEF&CC would issue suitable advisory to State Governments to facilitate this activity."

3. In view of above, all the States/UTs Forest Departments are advised to take necessary steps to create an enabling environment for production and transportation of honey in forest and adjoining areas and facilitate its intra & inter-state transportation.

Yours faithfully,



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