

SCHEME FOR FINANCING APICULTURE (BEE-KEEPING)

PURPOSE: Financial assistance is made available for meeting:

Fixed cost such as Construction of honey houses; purchase of colonies; purchase of equipments like bee-boxes, honey extractors, smokers & bee veil, bee knife, hive tool, queen gate, feeder, solar wax extractor, plastic drums for storing honey, sting proof rubber gloves, etc.

Recurring Costs such as purchase of foundation sheets, sugar, medicines, gloves, etc.

ELIGIBILITY: Small and marginal farmer(s)/ agricultural labourer(s) who are trained in bee keeping and individuals/Association of persons/Companies who possess adequate experience in bee-keeping and are desirous of taking up bee-keeping activity on commercial basis.

EXTENT & NATURE OF LOAN: Need based term loan. Provision for initial recurring costs also forms an integral part of term loan only.

REPAYMENT OF LOAN: Maximum 5 years including gestation period.