Rewards From Bees





Name & address of the entrepreneur

Shri, Gratiousa Rathappillil. M/s. G.A.R Industries, Kalloorkadu, Ernakulam, Kerala

Category of the entrepreneur

i) Social Category: Minority

ii) Sex: Male

Industry/Activity (Name of the Industry)

Beekeeping/ABFPI

Unit financed by the Bank (Name & Address)

State Bank of India, Ayavana Branch,

Ernakulam

Project cost of the unit (Rs.)

9.47.000/-

Annual Turnover (Rs.)

33,14,000/-

Employment provided by the entrepreneur in the unit

10 Persons

Professional Beekeeping is our way of giving back to a creature that gives so much to us, feels Gratiousa, owner of M/s G.A.R Industries, a beekeeping unit.

As a beekeeper, I feel responsible to educate people about the importance of honey bees. 'Once people get over that initial fear to spend time around the apiary, they realize that bees aren't out to sting them, he adds.

He established his beekeeping apiary after availing bank loan for the project cost of Rs.9.47 lakh from State Bank of India. He came to know about PMFGP from an awareness programme. Within three years of establishment of the unit he has harvested honey to the cost of Rs.33.14 lakh. The venture has also helped him in generating gainful employment for 10 more persons.

