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forest produce such as honey and wax is prohibited from national parks and sanctuaries however it is being permitted under the Impugned Act.

18. For instance in Biligiri Rangan Temple Sanctuary an RTI query has revealed that a massive quantity - 15,301 kilograms of honey has been collected for commercial sale in just three years between 2010-2013 under the Community Forest Rights. Gathering of such large unsustainable quantities of honey involve use of fire, cutting and hacking trees and termite mounds to access honeycombs. Such destructive collection of honey on commercial scale is causing collapse of bee colonies as had happened in early nineties due to the Thai sac brood virus from which they are yet to fully recover. It is well known that the Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) is destroying bee populations across the world which is causing great alarm as bees are one of the most important pollinators and thus crucial for sustaining both agriculture and forests. Besides, honey is an important food item for many species of wildlife. It is therefore humbly submitted that such indiscriminate and unsustainable commercial over exploitation of Minor Forests Produce including honey under the Impugned Act is causing severe negative impacts on forest ecosystems and needs to be stopped immediately, particularly in the Protected Areas. A certified copy of the information on quantities of MFP provided under the RTI Act by the Director, BRT Sanctuary in Karnataka is annexed as ANNEXURE-A13. [page 69]