



# COVID-19 Relief Measures

## Central Government Announcements



### Ration Card Holders

#### I Food Grains

##### Q. What is the benefit?

- Each family will get an extra **5 kg food grains** (rice/wheat) per person per month for three months (April to June 2020). This will be **free of cost**.
- This is in addition to regular ration which they will continue to get.

##### Q. Who will benefit?

All beneficiaries covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) i.e. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households.

#### I Pulses

##### Q. What is the benefit?

- **1 kg of dal** will be provided to each poor household for the next three months (April to June 2020). This is **free of cost**.

##### Q. Who will benefit?

All card holders covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)

**NOTE:** Card holders can take the additional rations from the shops in **two instalments**.



### Farmers

#### I PM KISAN

##### Q. What is the benefit?

- First instalment of scheme which amounts to **₹2000** to be paid during 1st week of April.

##### Q. Who benefits?

Registered account holders under the PM KISAN Yojana.

#### I Short-Term Crop Loans

##### Q. What is the benefit?

- Farmers will get time until **May 31** to repay their short-term crop loans.
- Farmers will continue to get these loans at **subsidised interest rate of 7%**, and those who repay promptly will get it at **4%** till May 31.

##### Q. Who will benefit?

All farmers who have taken short term crop loans of up to Rs. 3 lakhs from banks which need to be repaid between 1st March and 31st May, are eligible.



## MGNREGA Workers

### I Fund release for Pending Wages

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹4431 crore released for pending MGNREGA wages.
- If pending wages are not cleared, a **written complaint** can be filed with the Panchayat Mukhia/Rojgar Sewak/Block Programme Officer.
- Those seeking work can ask the Rojgar Sewak about **social distancing norms** to follow.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Job-card holders under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.



## Workers

### I No termination of employment or salary reduction

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- State/Union Territory Governments are to ensure that employers **do not fire workers or give them less salary** because of the lockdown.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

- All workers including contractual and casual working in the public or private sector.
- Covers all establishments including Plantations, Factories, Industries, Malls, Shops.



## BPL Households

### I PM Ujjwala Yojana

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- **Three gas cylinders** to be provided **free of cost** between April and June 2020.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Households with an LPG connection under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.



## Health Professionals

### I Accident Insurance

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- Health professionals who meet with an accident while treating Covid-19 patients will receive **₹50 lakh** as compensation.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

This covers safai karamcharis, ASHA workers, ward-boys, nurses, paramedics, technicians, doctors and specialists working in Central as well as State government health centres, wellness centres and hospitals.



## Women

### I Jan Dhan Yojana

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹500 per month will be deposited in bank accounts of women for the next three months (April to June 2020).

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Women with bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

### I Credit to Self Help Groups

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- Self Help Groups can borrow loans up to ₹20 lakhs without any security or asset offered as collateral. The earlier limit on such loans was ₹10 Lakh.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Women self-help groups under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Yojana



## Pensioners, Divyang and Widows

### I Additional Cash Transfer

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- Each beneficiary shall receive ₹1000 from the Central Government.
- This will be given in **two instalments** over the next three months (April - June 2020).

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Pensioners, Widows and Divyang persons receiving assistance from the National Social Assistance Program (NSAP).

### I Advance in Social Assistance

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- **Three month's pension in advance** which will be distributed in April.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Pensioners, Widows and divyang persons receiving assistance from the NSAP.



## Construction Workers

### I Financial Aid

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- State Governments are directed to use the Building and other Construction Workers (BoCW) cess funds to aid workers in the construction sector.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Construction Workers registered with the BoCW.



## Workers in the Organised Sector

### I EPF Contributions

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- The Government will pay for both the **employer and employee contribution to EPF accounts** (total 24%) for the next three months (April-June 2020).

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) subscribers from establishments with:  
(i) up to 100 employees, **and** (ii) 90% employees earning less than Rs 15,000 per month.

### I EPF Advance

#### Q. What is the benefit

- EPF holders are allowed to take a **non-refundable advance** which can be up to:  
(a) **75 %** of their EPF balance **OR** (b) **three months** of wages,  
whichever is lower, from their EPF accounts.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

EPFO subscribers



## Migrant Workers

### I Relief Camps

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- More than **21,000 relief camps** to be set up by various State Governments and UTs.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Migrant workers stranded as a result of the lockdown

### I Rent Relief

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- Landlords instructed **not to demand rent** for one month.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

Migrant workers living in rented accommodation.



## Urban Homeless

### I Meals under DAY-NULM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission)

#### Q. What is the benefit?

- All States/UTs to provide **three meals a day, free of cost**, in the DAY-NULM shelters.

#### Q. Who will benefit?

All the urban homeless in DAY-NULM shelters.