



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

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.

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

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

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

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.