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COVID 19: Government Support to all
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Ensuring inclusive growth, prosperity for all



₹1.7 trillion Package for the Poor

₹1.7 trillion relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic

- Insurance cover of **₹5 million** per health worker with government facilities
- 800 million poor people given 5 kg wheat or rice per person for next 3 months
- 1 kg pulses for each household for free every month for the next 3 months
- **200 million** women Jan Dhan account holders get ₹500/month for next 3 months
- Gas cylinders, free of cost, provided to **80 million poor** families for the next 3 months
- Increase in MNREGA wage to **₹202/day** from ₹182 to benefit **136.2 million families**
- Ex-gratia of ₹1,000 to 30 million poor senior citizen, widows and specially-abled
- Front-loaded ₹2,000 paid to farmers under existing PM-KISAN to benefit **87 million farmers**

- Building and Construction Workers Welfare Fund allowed to be used to provide relief to worker
- 24% of monthly wages to be credited into PF accounts for next 3 months for wage-earners below **₹15,000 p.m.** in businesses having >100 workers
- **50 million workers** registered under EPF to get non-refundable advance of 75% of the amount or three months of the wages, whichever is lower, from their accounts
- Limit of collateral free lending raised from **₹1 million to ₹2 million** for Women Self Help Groups supporting 68.5 million households
- District Mineral Fund (DMF) to be used for supplementing and augmenting facilities of medical testing, screening, etc

Support for the Rural Economy

Direct Support to Farmers & Rural Economy post COVID

- 30 million farmers with agricultural loans of **₹4.2 trillion** availed the benefit of 3 months loan moratorium
- Interest Subvention and Prompt Repayment Incentive on crop loans, due from March 1, extended up to May 31, 2020
- 2.5 million new Kisan Credit Cards sanctioned with a loan limit of **₹250 billion**

Liquidity Support to Farmers & Rural Economy Provided post COVID

- 6.3 million loans of **₹866 billion** approved in Agriculture over March and April
- Refinancing of **₹295 billion** provided by NABARD, to Cooperative Banks & Regional Rural Banks in March 2020
- Support of **₹42 billion** provided under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to States during March, 2020 for rural infrastructure
- Working capital limit of **₹67 billion** sanctioned for procurement of agriculture produce to State Government entities since March, 2020



Support for Migrants and Farmers

- Free good grain supply to migrants for 2 months at an investment of **₹35 billion**
- Technology systems to be used enabling migrants to access Public Distribution System (Ration) from any fair price shop in India by March 2021 - One Nation One Ration Card
- Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) for migrant workers / urban poor
- **₹15 billion** Interest Subvention for MUDRA-Shishu Loans
- **₹50 billion** Special Credit Facility for Street Vendors
- **₹700 billion** boost to housing sector and middle income group through extension of CLSS
- **₹60 billion** employment push using CAMPA funds
- **₹300 billion** Additional Emergency Working Capital Funding for farmers through NABARD
- **₹2 trillion** Concessional credit boost to 25 million farmers through Kisan Credit Cards



Support for the Agriculture Sector

Additional measures taken to support the agriculture sector during last 2 months:

- During lockdown period Minimum Support Price (MSP) purchases of amount more than **₹743 billion**
- PM KISAN fund Transfer of **₹187 billion**
- PM Fasal Bima Yojana claim payment of **₹64 billion**
- 56 million litre per day (LLPD) procured by cooperatives against daily sale of 360 LLPD, even while during Lockdown, demand for milk reduced by 20-25%
- Total 1.1 billion litres extra procured ensuring payment of **₹41 billion**
- A new scheme to provide interest subvention at 2% per annum to dairy cooperatives for 20-21
- Additional **2% p.a** interest subvention on prompt payment/interest servicing
- This scheme will unlock **₹50 billion additional liquidity**, benefitting 20 million farmers
- All 4 COVID related announcements for fisheries implemented
 - Validity of Sanitary Import Permits (SIPs) for import of Shrimp Broodstock extended by 3 months
 - Condoned delay up to 1 month in arrival of Brood stock consignments
 - Allowed rebooking of Quarantine cubicles for cancelled consignments with no additional charges
 - Verification of documents and grant of NOC for Quarantine relaxed from 7 days to 3 days
- Registration of 242 Registered Shrimp hatcheries and Nauplii Rearing Hatcheries expiring on March 31 extended for 3 months
- Operations of Marine Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture relaxed to cover Inland Fisheries

Support to Workers and Urban Poor

- Government of India has permitted State Governments to utilise State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for setting up shelter for migrants and providing them food and water etc
- Central Government also released **₹110 billion** of its contribution in advance to all States on 3rd April, to augment funds in their SDRF
- Hygienically prepared three meals a day provided for the residents of Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH) during the lockdown w.e.f March 28, 2020
- 12,000 SHGs have produced 30 million masks and 120,000 litres of sanitizers. This gave additional employment opportunities to the urban poor
- Disbursal of Revolving Fund (RF) to Self Help Groups was onboarded on PAiSA Portal in April 2020 on a pilot basis in Gujarat and is now being rolled out across all the States in May 2020
- 7,200 new Self Help Groups of urban poor formed during the period starting March 15, 2020

MGNREGS Support to Returning Migrants

- **146.2 million** person-days of work generated till May 13, 2020
- Actual Expenditure till date is around ₹100 billion
- Work offered to **23.3 million** wage seekers yesterday in 187,000 Gram Panchayats
- 40-50% more persons enrolled, compared to May last year
- Average wage rate rose to **₹202** from ₹182 in last FY
- Drive being undertaken to enroll returning migrants
- States/UTs advised to provide works to migrant workers as per the provisions of the Act
- Planning for continuing MNREGA works in Monsoon as well: plantations, horticulture, livestock related sheds

Labour Codes - Benefits for Workers

- Universalization of **right of minimum** wages and timely payment of wages to all workers including unorganized workers – presently minimum wages applicable to only 30% of workers
- Statutory concept of **National Floor Wage** introduced: will reduce regional disparity in minimum wages
- Fixation of minimum wages simplified, leading to less number of rates of minimum wages and better compliance
- Appointment letter for all workers to promote formalization
- Annual Health Check-up for employees
- Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) Code also applicable to establishments engaged in work of hazardous nature even with threshold of less than 10 workers
- Definition of inter-state migrant worker modified to include migrant workers employed directly by the employer, workers directly coming to destination State of their own besides the migrant workers employed through a contractor
- Portability of welfare benefits for migrant workers
- Extension of ESIC coverage pan-India to all districts and all establishments employing 10 or more employees as against those in notified districts/areas only
- Extension of ESIC coverage to employees working in establishments with less than 10 employees on voluntary basis
- Mandatory ESIC coverage through notification by the Central Government for employees in hazardous industries with less than 10 employees
- **Social Security Scheme** for Gig workers and Platform workers
- Re-skilling fund introduced for retrenched employees
- All occupations opened for women and permitted to work at night with safeguards
- Provision for Social Security Fund for unorganised workers
- **Gratuity for Fixed Term Employment** - Provision of gratuity on completion of one year service as against 5 years.

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