

FM Nirmala Sitharaman announces Relief Package

A 1,70,000 crore package Announced by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 26-03-2020

1. **Medical insurance** of Rs.50 lacs for 20 lakhs medical professionals for next three months.
2. **PM Gareeb Kalyan Ann Yojna** – 80 Crore poor people (2/3rd of population) will receive 5 kgs. Rice/wheat (Ann) for next 3months additional for free over and above 5 kgs. that they already receiving.
3. 1kg of regional preferred pulse per person for each household will be given for next 3 months. The move is higher than what ration card holders are getting at present under National Food Security Act (NFSA) at a highly subsidised price of Rs. 3 per kg for Rice and Rs. 2 per kg for wheat.

Benefits in form of Cash Transfers

4. **Farmers** have already receiving Rs. 6000/- annually, front of 1st instalment of Rs.2000/- will be credited immediately in April first week. The total Benefit of 8.69cr to farmers.
5. **MNREGA - Wage increase** - Wage rate of labour increased from Rs. 182 to Rs. 202. This will benefit 5 crore families.
6. Poor senior citizen over 60 years of age, Widows, pensioners, disabled persons - **Ex-Gratia** amount of Rs.1000/- in 2 instalments will be given for three months. This will benefit 3 cr. poor senior citizens, widows and disabled.
7. **Moreover, Women jan dhan yojna** – 20 cr. account holder will get Ex-gratia of Rs.500/month for next 3months.
8. **Ujwala scheme for women** - 3 months' free cylinders will benefit 8.3 cr. poor families.
9. **Self-Help Group Women**- Impact on 7 cr. households under deen dayal yojna to get up to 10 lacs collateral-free loan which is doubled to 20 lacs.

Benefits to Organised sector workers registered under EPFO-

10. Govt. of India will pay the EPF contribution both for employer and employee for the next 3months for all those establishments which have up to 100 employees and 90% of the employees earning less than 15,000/- per month.
11. Benefit to 80 lac employees and 4 lacs establishment. The PF scheme regulation will be amended to allow non-refundable advance of 75% of credit available or 3mnths advance whichever is less can be withdrawn. 4.8 cr. workers will benefit through this scheme.

Benefits to Construction Workers-

12. By central government act there is a construction worker's welfare fund which has 31,000 cr. Government will utilise this fund to benefit the registered 3.5cr construction workers.
13. **District Mineral Fund** - State Govt. to utilise this fund for medical testing, screening activities and to fight the Coronavirus and prevent the spread.