

COVID-19 STIMULUS PACKAGE

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Reliefs to Migrants

- Free food supply for two months to migrants stationed in other States and not being already covered under existing schemes in that State
- Enabling migrants to access ration from anywhere in India under “*One Nation One Ration*” scheme as part of PM’s Technology Driven System Reforms
- Providing affordable housing to migrants by incentivizing private and government agencies / organizations for development of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC)
- Portability of welfare benefits under Labour Codes to be provided to migrant workers

Support to Farmers

- Providing concessional credit through “*Kisan Credit Cards*”. Scheme to include fishermen and animal husbandry farmers
- Additional refinance support for crop loan requirement of small and marginal farmers through Rural Co-op Banks & Regional Rural Banks by NABARD

Reliefs to Workers through Labour Codes

- Right to minimum wage and timely payment to include workers in unorganized sectors
- Concept of “*National Floor Wage*” introduced to bring uniformity in minimum wages across States
- Issue of appointment letters and annual health checkup to be made mandatory
- Employees State Insurance (ESI) benefits extended pan-India from only notified areas presently
- Tenure to be reduced from 5 to 1 year for gratuity benefits on fixed term contracts
- Social security fund to be provided for unorganized workers
- Mandatory ESI coverage in hazardous industries even if strength is less than 10

Other relief measures

- Interest subvention of 2 per cent for 12 months for prompt payments under “*MUDRA-Shishu*” loans granted earlier

- Special credit facility scheme to be launched for street vendors
- Benefits of “*Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme*” in housing sector further extended by a year upto March 2021 for middle income groups
- Job creation for tribals and adivasis in urban, semi-urban and rural areas through Compensatory Afforestation Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds