

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Finance Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

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Subject: Relief Measures in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the economic hardships faced by the vulnerable segments of the society due to ongoing lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 in J&K, following measures shall be undertaken immediately:

Assistance to Self Help Groups:

- (i) Self Help Groups under UMEED: 30000 SHGs under UMEED shall be provided financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh per SHG. Rs. 25000 shall be paid upfront while the remaining amount shall be paid in the following years. **(Action by: Rural Development Department)**
- (ii) Women Self Help Groups/Aggregators: 10000 women SHGs shall be extended assistance of Rs 1 lakh per SHG. This would largely cater to the household industries. Rs. 25000 shall be paid upfront while Rs. 75000 shall be disbursed in the subsequent years. **(Action by: Social Welfare Department/WDC)**
- (iii) Handloom/Handicrafts Sectors: 20000 SHGs in the Handloom and Handicrafts sectors, which are not bank linked, shall be provided financial support of Rs. 1 lakh per SHG. The assistance shall be provided over two years. **(Action by: I&C Department)**

Income Support Measures:

- (i) Construction Workers: 1.76 lakh registered construction workers, each of whom has already been paid an assistance of Rs. 1000 for livelihood support, shall be further paid Rs. 1000 PM for two more months. **(Action by: Labour & Employment Department)**
- (ii) Houseboats and Shikarawalas: A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for a period of three months shall be provided to the Houseboat Owners/ Shikarawalas, who are registered with Tourism Department. **(Action by: Tourism Department)**
- (iii) Tourist Guides/Pithuwalas/Ponywalas/Palkiwalas: A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for three months shall be provided to the Tourist Guides/Pithuwalas/Palkiwalas/Ponywalas registered with the

- Tourism Department/SMVDSB/SASB. (Action by: Tourism Department/SMVDSB/SASB)
- (iv) Flower Growers: A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for three months shall be provided to the registered active flower growers in J&K. (Action by: Floriculture Department)
- (v) Street Vendors (Rehariwalas/Phadiwalas/TheLawalas): A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for three months shall be given to the street vendors, who are registered with the Jammu Municipal Corporation and Srinagar Municipal Corporation. (Action by: Housing & Urban Development Department)

Measures for Commercial Establishments:

- (i) All registration certificates for licenses, permits and statutory clearances under the existing laws of the UT of J&K, which have expired/lapsed/invalidated on 31.3.2020 and have not been renewed/validated in the intervening period, shall be deemed to have been renewed/extended/validated up to 30.6.2020. (Action by: All Departments)
- (ii) The levy of fixed charges of the electricity tariff, as per the erstwhile J&K SERC Tariff Order for the year 2016-17 in respect of all the registered commercial establishments across all the sectors in the UT of J&K shall be deferred till 30.6.2020. (Action by: PDD Department)

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