

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE  
FINANCE COMMISSION DIVISION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 03**

**ANSWERED ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 / BHADRAPADA 23, 1942 (SAKA)**

**CASH ASSISTANCE FOR POOR PEOPLE**

**03. DR.T.SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN &  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has released amount for the various States to Combat Covid-19 crisis since 24<sup>th</sup> March,2020;
- (b) If so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) Whether the Government has provided cash for the poor downtrodden people during the lockdown period; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE**

**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the Covid-19 Pandemic, Government of India released the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) amounting to Rs 11,092 crore to State Governments on 03/04/2020 in advance to strengthen the States to deal with the pandemic. State wise details of the funds released is at **Annexure-I**. Further, State Governments have been allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2 percent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSPD) for the year 2020-21. As against the additional borrowing limit of 2% of GSDP, consent for borrowing of 0.50 percent of GSDP amounting to Rs.1,06,830 crore has already been issued to the States to raise Open Market Borrowing (OMB) during the year 2020-21. State-wise details of additional borrowing of 0.5 percent of GSDP issued to the State for the year 2020-21 is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

(c) to (d) : Yes, Sir. As part of the Rs 1.70 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan package, the Government has announced free food grains and cash payment to women and poor senior citizens and farmers. Around 42 crore poor people have received financial assistance of Rs 68,820 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package. Among these, Rs 30,962 crores have been credited to the 20.65 crore (100%) women Jan Dhan account holders in three instalments. Rs 2,814.5 crore have been disbursed in two instalments to about 2.81 crore old age persons, widows and disabled persons. Rs 17,891 crore have been front loaded towards payment of the first instalment of PM-KISAN to 8.94 crore beneficiaries. 1.82 crore building & construction workers have received financial support amounting to Rs 4,987.18 crores. 36.05 lakh members of EPFO have taken benefit of online withdrawal of non-refundable advance from EPFO account amounting to Rs. 9,543 crores. 178.85 lakh MT of food grains and 6.82 lakh MT of pulses have been distributed free of cost to approx. 75 crores beneficiaries. Details of the Package are at **Annexure - III**. State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries and amount disbursed is at the **Annexure IV (a) & IV (b)**.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

Statement in reply to parts (a) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.03 for answer on 14/09/2020 regarding cash assistance for poor people.

**Release from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to States**

**(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share of SDRF to State Governments in advance on 03/04/2020
1.	Andhra Pradesh	559.50
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	125.00
3.	Assam	386.00
4.	Bihar	708.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	216.00
6.	Goa	6.00
7.	Gujarat	662.00
8.	Haryana	245.50
9.	Himachal Pradesh	204.50
10.	Jharkhand	284.00
11.	Karnataka	395.50
12.	Kerala	157.00
13.	Madhya Pradesh	910.00
14.	Maharashtra	1611.00
15.	Manipur	21.00
16.	Meghalaya	33.00
17.	Mizoram	23.50
18.	Nagaland	20.50
19.	Odisha	802.00
20.	Punjab	247.50
21.	Rajasthan	740.50
22.	Sikkim	25.00
23.	Telangana	224.50
24.	Tamil Nadu	510.00
25.	Tripura	34.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	966.50
27.	Uttarakhand	468.50
28.	West Bengal	505.50
	Total	11092.00

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**ANNEXURE-II**

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Details of additional borrowing of 0.5 percent of GSDP issued to the States for 2020-21

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Details of additional borrowing of 0.50 percent of GSDP issued to the States for the year 2020-21.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5051.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	143.00
3.	Assam	1869.00
4.	Bihar	3231.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	1792.00
6.	Goa	446.00
7.	Gujarat	8704.00
8.	Haryana	4293.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	877.00
10.	Jharkhand	1765.00
11.	Karnataka	9018.00
12.	Kerala	4522.00
13.	Madhya Pradesh	4746.00
14.	Maharashtra	15394.00
15.	Manipur	151.00
16.	Meghalaya	194.00
17.	Mizoram	132.00
18.	Nagaland	157.00
19.	Odisha	2858.00
20.	Punjab	3033.00
21.	Rajasthan	5462.00
22.	Sikkim	156.00
23.	Telangana	5017.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	9627.00
25.	Tripura	297.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	9703.00
27.	Uttarakhand	1405.00
28.	West Bengal	6787.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>106830.00</b>

Statement referred to in reply to parts (c) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3 for 14.09.2020

Details of PMGKY

I. Insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19 in Government Hospitals and Health Care Centres

An Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19' was launched w.e.f. 30.03.2020 to provide comprehensive personal accident cover of Rs. 50 lakh to around 22.12 lakh public healthcare providers, including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this. The scheme was initially for 90 days w.e.f. 30.03.2020 and has now been extended by another 90 days. On account of the unprecedented situation, private hospital staff/ retired/volunteer/ local urban bodies/contract/daily wage/ ad-hoc/outourced staff requisitioned by States/ Central hospitals/autonomous hospitals of Central/States/UTs, AIIMS & INIs/ hospitals of Central Ministries can also be drafted for COVID19 related responsibilities. These cases are also covered under the scheme.

II. PMGaribKalyan Ann Yojana

Under the scheme, additional allocation of food grain @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost is provided to all the beneficiaries covered under the targeted public distribution system (Antyodaya Anna Yojana& Priority Households) including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for a period of three months i.e. April to June, 2020. About 119.32 LMT of food grains were allotted to approximately 80.96 crore beneficiaries entailing a financial implication of Rs.46061 crore. The scheme has been extended till November, 2020 (5 months) with additional allocation of foodgrain of 202.749 LMT for approx 81.09 crore beneficiaries entailing a food subsidy of Rs.76062.11 crore. Further, Pulses according to regional preferences @ 1 kg per family were provided for three months, free of cost.The scheme has been extended till November, 2020.

III. Benefit to farmers:

The first installment of Rs 2,000 due in 2020-21 was front-loaded and paid in April 2020 itself under the PM KISAN Yojana, covering about 8.7 crore farmers

IV. Cash transfers-

- a) **Help to Poor:** A total of 20.40 crores (approx) PMJDY women account-holders were given an ex-gratia of Rs 500 per month for next three months.
- b) **Gas cylinders:** A schemes to provide for free of cost LPG cylinders for three months to 8 crore beneficiaries of PradhanMantriUjjwalaYojana (PMUY) was started under PMGKP w.e.f. 01.04.2020 with a budgetary support of 13000 crore. Cash advances for buying the cylinders were transferred to the bank account of the beneficiaries. The scheme has been extended till September 30, 2020 for those beneficiaries who have been credited with

the advance for buying refills, but have not been able to buy the free cylinders till 30.06.2020. OMCs have delivered 1321.59 lakh refills to PMUY beneficiaries under this scheme as on 06.09.2020.

- c) **Helpto low wage earners in organised sectors:** Wage-earners, earning below Rs 15,000 per month, in businesses having less than 100 workers, were provided Twenty four (24) percent of the monthly wages into their PF accounts, for the next three months to prevent disruption in their employment. The scheme has been extended for another three months, i.e., till August 2020.
- d) **Support for senior citizens (above 60 years), widows and Divyang:** An amount of Rs.1000/- per month for three months to around 3 crore aged widows and people in Divyang category was provided.

#### V. MNREGA

MNREGA wages were increased by Rs 20 with effect from 1 April, 2020. This wage increase was estimated to provide an additional Rs 2,000 benefit annually to a worker and benefit approximately 13.62 crore families.

V. **Self-Help groups:** Limit of collateral free lending was increased from Rs 10 to Rs 20 lakhs for women organized through 63 lakhs Self Help Groups (SHGs), who support 6.85 crore households.

#### VI. Other components of PM GaribKalyan package

(a) **Organised sector:** Employees' Provident Fund Regulations was amended to include Pandemic as the reason to allow non-refundable advance of 75 percent of the amount or three months of the wages, whichever is lower, from their accounts. Families of four crore workers registered under EPF can take benefit of this window.

(b) **Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Fund:** Welfare Fund for Building and Other Construction Workers has been created under a Central Government Act. There are around 3.5 Crore registered workers in the Fund. State Governments were directed to utilise this fund to provide assistance and support to these workers to protect them against economic disruptions.

(c) **District Mineral Fund:** The State Government were asked to utilise the funds available under District Mineral Fund (DMF) for supplementing and augmenting facilities of medical testing, screening and other requirements in connection with preventing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic as well as treating the patients affected with this pandemic.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3 for 14.09.2020.

No.	State	Claims disbursed	Amount paid	Total (AAV & PHH)	Total Distribution of Foodgrains to beneficiaries (in MT) from April 2020 to till 7.9.2020	Pulses- number of persons identified under NFSA (in lakh) – for distribution per month (April to November 2020)	Qty of Pulses distributed by States/UTs (in MT) – April 2020 to till 7.9.2020	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY April '20	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY May'20	No. Of Cylinder delivered - PMUY Jun'20
1.	Andaman & Nicobar			0.61	1342	0.16	49.05	9,591	7,294	4,533
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3	1500000	268.23	635928.54	90.28	45018.62	2,72,179	2,15,405	1,74,373
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	500000	8.21	17215.42	1.77	571.561	28,831	24,731	16,600
4.	Assam	2	1000000	251.53	506098.035	57.96	19614.09	14,44,011	15,34,863	10,39,012
5.	Bihar	1	500000	857.12	1727839.033	168.85	54228.87	49,67,319	45,10,211	39,49,870
6.	Chandigarh			2.75	3793.04	0.64	228.43	93	95	77
7.	Chhattisgarh			200.77	506390.755	51.5	22616.74	11,92,348	9,16,589	7,32,245
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Damam & Diu			1.73- D & NH- KIND 0.36 – D& NH- CASH DAMAN & DIU- 0.76	6312.902	0.65	391.44	8,137	5,029	3,871
9.	Delhi	1	500000	72.73	166963.0656	17.54	6033.64	77,853	70,885	62,986
10.	Goa			5.32	13011.507	1.43	644.103	806	519	569
11.	Gujarat	8	4000000	382.54	801111.37	65.63	20090.95	15,38,689	12,28,084	12,18,267
12.	Haryana			126.49	285128.669	27	10916	5,53,359	5,40,807	3,86,756
13.	Himachal			28.64	63592.905	6.84	3276.5	1,11,235	1,07,648	77,815



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Annexure IV (b)

No.	State	PM KISAN No of beneficiary ies (Rs lakh) # (APRIL)*	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (MAY)	No of a/c to which Rs 500 credited (JUNE)	Total amount (in lakh) from April to June (MAY)	Total Beneficiary ies (APRIL & MAY)	Amount released @ Rs 500 (in lakh - April & May)	No of beneficiary ies Identified (1st Inst)	No of beneficiary ies Identified (2nd Inst)	Total Beneficiary ies (Rs lakh)	EPFO Beneficiary ies (Rs lakh)	24% EPF contribution								DMF Amount spent on COVID-19 related activities (in Core)			
												Beneficiary ies (March)	Beneficiary ies (April)	Beneficiary ies (May)	Beneficiary ies (June)	Beneficiary ies (July)	Beneficiary ies (Aug)	Total amount transferred (in lakh) from March to August					
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	10677	213.54	23064	29457	5928	59.28	11014	5375	491.67	494	161.7728	1841	1749	1643	1488	913	90	159.97	100.43			
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4695820	93916.4	6013565	7191392	932661	9326.61	1967484	0	19674.84	108567	30485.44	153300	158283	151372	146792	133535	7318	11325.18	0.00			
3.	Assam	66323	1326.46	180119	187968	34139	341.39	3000	0	60	0	0	7160	7499	7370	6763	5619	477	510.57	0.65			
4.	Bihar	1861715	37234.3	9534385	9648421	840984	8409.84	270000	0	2700	11203	2777.231	52951	54805	53798	51197	44947	2333	5993.25	0			
5.	Chhattisgarh	5899824	117996.5	23315732	24390254	3664811	36648.11	6670	0	400.2	39886	8632.315	23322	20897	22073	21409	20084	1182	1892.67	4.36			
6.	Goa	429	8.58	110537	1111245	852275	852.275	0	0	46119	8660045	76288	78444	75723	72665	68033	3206	5995.94	0				
7.	Haryana	2167441	43348.82	7857012	8062722	119912.455	1199.12455	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
8.	Haveli	10150	203	52817	53691	9588	95.88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	3381	67.62	1387	1475	1376	13.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
10.	Karnataka	12075	241.5	2030271	2036383	2036535	20365.35	39600	39600	3960	295243	73596.16	39830	36793	36868	34673	30943	1233	3530.06	9.66			
11.	Kerala	7854	157.08	69987	70389	2061	20.61	5117	0	5117	12169	3107.291	17876	15988	15259	14491	13792	381	1318.55	22			
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4685062	93701.24	7108005	7266513	68895.53	6889.53	483196	0	4831.96	185208	37273.44	243172	251262	244516	242384	230145	63189	18731.51	13.08			
13.	Maharashtra	1514497	30289.94	3416299	3568702	327269	3272.69	350621	0	17581.05	209604	53039.98	76918	64925	70265	67210	63189	2943	5957.47	0			
14.	Manipur	870609	17412.18	584184	667491	657262	657.262	111863	126039	4926.08	17216	3507.582	43424	41484	42402	42550	40546	1477	3308.08	0.43			
15.	Mizoram	920451	18409.02	1049256	1064015	15877.67	158.7767	143289	0	4679.25	187	17.82763	23836	21959	21844	21586	19224	2594	1742.92	0			
16.	Nagaland	1231912	24638.24	7227042	7440551	110526.025	1105.26025	1288850	0	12888.5	29000	5142.649	87786	86091	83575	83130	78118	4699	7158.94	9.66			
17.	Odisha	4839093	96781.86	7987088	8035479	8033726	80337.26	1398410	1398410	13984.1	452484	153845.2	281634	273165	265267	257403	232202	12724	24206.08	62.13			
18.	Punjab	2716844	54336.88	2413289	2607463	38136.325	381.36325	688329	0	45412.4	101119	31103.73	110118	91211	99799	104292	98891	1920	8671.58	0			
19.	Rajasthan	0	0	9951	10027	10392	103.92	151.85	151.85	151.85	16	1.75331	177	143	146	114	105	0	17.89	0.00			
20.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	2867	2922	2920	29.20	324	324	3.24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
21.	Uttar Pradesh	6812020	136240.4	16622091	16786519	16783417	167834.17	250960.135	22059.63	891850	17837	90993	18149.3	158162	144857	134320	135658	129688	7365	10511.56	5.1		
22.	West Bengal	8632218	172654.4	12947062	13152844	13151473	131514.73	196256.895	1168385	11683.85	894408	67817	187350.5	418770	404866	380529	372293	346133	16493	31148.58	45.86		
23.	Chhattisgarh	283457	5669.14	504169	523814	523622	5236.22	619.72	52605	526.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
24.	Goa	115638	2312.76	268908	318894	318797	3187.97	4532.995	54127	541.27	24730	1236.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
25.	Haryana	69425	1388.5	58176	153791	153756	1537.56	1828.615	27538	275.38	51451	1543.53	0	0	0	0	0	0	3315.59	0.00			
26.	Jammu and Kashmir	181008	3620.16	157792	167255	167204	1672.04	2461.255	49210	492.1	0	380.92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
27.	Karnataka	2003180	40063.7	8121020	8520484	8518976	85189.76	1304.925	20270.22	20270.22	40666	8771.322	129713	133169	132889	130113	120833	6775	9822.89	61.34			
28.	Madhya Pradesh	9715	194.3	88926	88559	88506	885.06	1304.925	287.57	287.57	0	0	16110	13895	14074	14095	13358	632	4770.29	0			
29.	Maharashtra	1752998	35049.96	3322186	3375108	3373363	33733.63	5035.285	140404	1404.04	289237	66008	55952	63477	60461	55427	5106	4750.19	0.65	0.65			
30.	Manipur	5164392	103287.8	15613962	15845021	15845021	158450.21	987781	9877.81	2230000	0	55750	83903	15761.46	120047	113479	111154	108908	101109	6315	7646.36	15.08	
31.	Mizoram	0	0	42552	43915	43908	439.08	651.975	183.32	7836	156.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
32.	Nagaland	3559533	71190.66	6075989	6138975	6138949	61389.49	91756.565	1814700	18147	1370601	583161	158265.2	507424	458395	476308	442011	23263	32325.05	13.42			
33.	Odisha	3331468	66629.36	5260800	5154930	5153020	51530.2	7784.75	665596	6655.96	83024	1137	77656.9	156113	156885	152357	148451	136995	10159.07	0			
34.	Punjab	190441	3808.82	431770	444368	444316	4443.16	6602.27	198473	1984.73	39082	285.8338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00			
35.	Tamil Nadu	17675845	353517.7	31813530	32440680	32434277	324342.77	483427.335	5257390	52573.9	1821520	1695490	35170.1	164511	33390.64	190548	188671	188660	177736	12618	0.22		
36.	Uttar Pradesh	674888	13493.76	1267372	1335177	1335873	13358.73	19692.11	215109	2151.09	228423	4568.46	38032	36608	36725	36632	34787	1794	2958.71	0.02			
37.	West Bengal	0	0	18995377	19349032	19341332	19341.332	288428.705	2132959	21329.59	2198349	0	21983.49	86684	18083.47	329406	321645	332165	337058	317556	18739		
TOTAL		89454616	1789092	206500000	206296711	206244658	206244.658	3095206.645	28145039	28145.04	18262774	2094927	3789418	3604747	954311.5	3419971	3286977	3268129	3221014	3001118	176829	247602.98	354.42