



COVID-19 Relief Measures

Government of Kerala



Ration Card Holders

I *Foodgrain benefit*

Q. What is the benefit?

- **AAY** card holders will get **35 kg of cereals** at free of cost.
- Priority House Holds (PHH) category carrying **pink cards** will get **5 kg of food grains per person**. This will be **free of cost**.
- Non-priority category, holding **white and blue cards**, will get a minimum of **15 kg of cereal**. This will be **free of cost**.
- The free ration distribution will be completed by **April 20**.

Q. Who benefits?

Ration card holders.



Families without Ration Cards

I *Foodgrain benefit*

Q. What is the benefit?

- **Free cereal** will also be provided to families without ration cards.
- Such families will have to produce an **affidavit containing their Aadhar numbers and phone numbers**.

Q. Who benefits?

Families without ration cards.



People under home quarantine

I *Home delivery of food grains*

Q. What is the benefit?

- For people under home quarantine **food grain kits** to be given to district authorities and with the help of local institutions, **the kit will be taken to each house**.

Q. Who benefits?

- People under home quarantine as a result of COVID-19.
- List of eligible persons to be developed by the Health ministry.



General

I **Affordable meals**

Q. What is the benefit?

- State government was planning to start **canteens serving economical meals** in September. Now they have decided to start them in April.
- **1000 canteens** are to be opened across the state.
- Meals will be offered at **₹20 per person**.

Q. Who benefits?

The general public with a special focus on the poor and needy.

I **Electricity and Water Bill payment relaxation**

Q. What is the benefit?

- There will be a **month's relaxation** when it comes to payment of electricity and water bills.

Q. Who benefits?

Domestic consumer.



MGNREGA Workers

I **Wage Payment**

Q. What is the benefit?

- A sum of **₹2000 crore** released for payment of wages of MGNREGA workers for April and May.

Q. Who benefits?

Workers having MGNREGA job cards.



Kudumbashree

I **Consumer Loan**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Loans worth **₹2,000 crore** would be disbursed to families in need through the all-women network of “Kudumbashree”.
- This will take place in April and May.

Q. Who benefits?

Families impacted by COVID 19.



Migrants, Homeless and Destitute

I **Relief Camps**

Q. What is the benefit?

- State Government has opened **18912 relief camps** for over three lakh migrant guest workers.
- Another **35 camps** opened up for homeless and destitute people.
- **Food, masks, soaps, sanitisers** have been made available in those camps.

Q. Who benefits?

Migrants, Homeless and Destitute.



Contract and Daily wage workers

I **Full payment of salary**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Workers will be considered to be **on duty** despite lockdown and **will be paid their full salaries**.

Q. Who benefits?

Contract and Daily wage workers employed by the Government.



Pavement Dwellers

I **Shelter Provision**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Local Self Governments (LSGIs) in both urban and rural areas, to **prioritise the rehabilitation** of those sleeping on pavements as well as the destitute.
- LSGIs also to provide food and ensure personal hygiene and health services to this group.

Q. Who benefits?

Pavement Dwellers and the destitute.



Destitute, homeless and needy

I **Community Kitchen**

Q. What is the benefit?

- **Community kitchens** set up for those who cannot cook their meals during the lockdown.
- These kitchens have started in **1031 local bodies**.
- The volunteers from local bodies **home deliver** the food packets.
- Food to the deprived sections is distributed **free of cost**.

Q. Who benefits?

Destitute, homeless and needy.



Mental Health

I **Counselling**

Q. What is the benefit?

- The State Government through the District Mental Health Programme is providing **counselling to those living in home quarantine**.
- This is done to protect their mental well-being and to prevent them from feeling isolated.

Q. Who benefits?

All marked as quarantined as a result of COVID-19.



Transgender Community

I **Free Provision kits**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Members of the community will receive **free provision kits** sponsored by the social justice department.
- The kits will include **5kg rice, pulses, cooking oil, sugar, atta and tea powder**.

Q. Who benefits?

Members of the transgender community registered with the Government.



Children

I **Provision of Mid Day Meal Schemes**

Q. What is the benefit?

- 33,115 Anganwadi centres in Kerala, delivering **free mid-day meals to children** at their homes.

Q. Who benefits?

All children enrolled in Anganwadis aged 3 to 6.



Pensioners

I **Advance in Pension**

Q. What is the benefit?

- **Two month's pension** to be given in advance.
- Pension of March and April to be given to the pensioners in the month of March itself.

Q. Who benefits?

All pension holders covered under the government schemes.



Households not having social welfare pensions

I **Monetary Assistance**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Households in need who do not have social welfare pensions will be given **₹1000 each**.
- **₹100 crore** has been set aside for this.

Q. Who benefits?

BPL and AAY families who do not have social welfare pensions.



Auto rickshaw, taxi, and other motor-transport drivers

I **Tax Relaxation (Auto rickshaw and taxi drivers)**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Relaxation to be given in the payment of **fitness tax**.

Q. Who benefits?

All registered auto rickshaw and taxi drivers registered with the Kerala Motor Transport Workers Welfare Fund Board.

I Tax relaxation (Stage Carriage Operators)

Q. What is the benefit?

There will be a relaxation of **one month on the quarterly taxes** of stage and contract carriages.

Q. Who will benefit?

Carriage operators registered with the Kerala Motor Transport Workers Welfare Fund Board.

I Monetary Aid

Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹5000 per person for stage carriage/contract carriage bus workers.
- ₹3500 per person for goods vehicle workers.
- ₹2500 per person for taxi drivers.
- ₹2000 per person for auto rickshaw and tractor drivers.
- ₹1000 per person for automobile workshop workers.

Q. Who benefits?

Workers registered with the motor transport workers welfare fund board.



Toddy Workers

I Loan benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- Toddy workers will be provided loans worth ₹10000 without interest.
- They will get an additional loan of ₹5000 if the lockdown gets extended.

Q. Who benefits?

Workers registered with the Kerala Toddy Workers Welfare Fund Board.



Head Load Workers

I Advance payment of salaries

Q. What is the benefit?

- The salaries of these workers will be **paid in advance**.
- ₹30 crore will be distributed as bonus by April 14.
- The total number of beneficiaries will be **2,43,50**.

Q. Who benefits?

Registered members of the Kerala Head Load Workers Welfare Fund Board.



Shops & Commercial Establishment Workers

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹1000 for self employed workers, and hospital, petrol pump and gas agency workers.
- ₹10000 for any member who gets infected by COVID-19.
- ₹5000 for any member who lives in isolation at hospital or home.

Q. Who benefits?

Registered members of Kerala Shops & Commercial Establishment Workers Welfare Board.



Construction Workers

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹1000 to be given to the families of all members who have completed two years and renewed their registration in 2018.
- A package of ₹200 crore has been announced.
- This will benefit 15 lakh workers.

Q. Who will benefit?

Registered members of Kerala Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.



Agricultural Workers

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- Members infected with COVID-19 will receive ₹7500.
- Members who have been asked to go into isolation with receive ₹1000.

Q. Who benefits?

Registered members of Kerala Agricultural Workers Welfare fund Board.



Handloom Workers

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- Every member will receive ₹750.

Q. Who benefits?

Registered members of Kerala Handloom Workers Welfare Fund Board.



Fishermen

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- Each fisherman to be given ₹2000.

Q. Who benefits?

All fishermen in the State.



Beedi Worker

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- Each worker to be given ₹1000.

Q. Who benefits?

Registered members of Kerala Beedi and Cigar Welfare Fund Board.



Lottery Sellers

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- Each seller to receive ₹1000.

Q. Who benefits?

Those working in State run lotteries that have been closed due to the shutdown.



Document Writers, Scribes and Stamp Vendors

I Cash benefit

Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹3000 to be provided to all members.

Q. Who benefits?

Members of Document Writers, Scribes and Stamp Vendors welfare board.



Estate Workers

I Monetary Aid

Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹8.53 lakh has been sanctioned to provide ₹1000 as aid.
- This will benefit 85000 persons.

Q. Who benefits?

Estate workers in the state of Kerala.



Cashew Workers

I Monetary Aid

Q. What is the benefit?

- ₹1000 to be provided to all workers.
- This will benefit 107564 persons.

Q. Who benefits?

Workers registered with the Cashew Workers Welfare Board.



Artists

I Monetary Aid

Q. What is the benefit?

- All the 10000 artists who have applied for the membership at Kerala State Cultural Activists Welfare Fund will get ₹1000 per month for the next two months.
- This is in addition to the 3012 artists who receive ₹3000 as pension every month.
- Around 20000 artists who don't come under these categories will also be given ₹1000 per month for two months.

Q. Who benefits?

Beneficiaries of the Kerala State Cultural Activists Welfare Fund.



Abkari Workers

I **Monetary Aid**

Q. What is the benefit?

- Workers in bars closed due to lockdown will get ₹5000 as financial aid and ₹10000 as loan without interest.

Q. Who benefits?

Registered members of Kerala Abkari Workers Welfare Fund Board



Advocate Clerks

I **Cash benefit**

Q. What is the benefit?

Each member will receive ₹3000 as relief aid.

Q. Who benefits?

Members of Kerala Advocates Clerk Welfare Fund Board.

NOTE: Welfare fund boards which are not capable of implementing relief schemes have approached the government for financial support. They have submitted their proposals and they are under consideration.