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Application for Directions

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Delhi, 02 April 2020

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To

Hon the Lord Chief Justice of India, and

His Companion Justices of the Supreme Court of India

Applicant respectfully sheweth:

1. The above titled petition is filed in public interest praying for immediate relief to the poor, informal sector workers, slum dwellers, homeless persons and economically weaker sections in the rural areas and urban slum areas who are in the present situation of the spread of Corona Virus living with hunger, many of whom- men, women and children- may die of starvation in the coming days if they do not get emergency food, medical aid and shelter immediately.
2. After filing of the present petition several government orders and notifications were issued regarding relief measures for the abovementioned categories of people. However, petitioners

through their network have received information regarding poor implementation of these government orders which has not only placed people in dire circumstances but has resulted into deaths numbering 48 (Annexure D, pp. 13 – 15) as on 02.04.2020, which is higher than the reported number of deaths cause by Covid-19 in India. Based upon the information which the petitioners have gathered through their networks have gathered all across the country, petitioners, in addition to the reliefs sought in the writ petition at page 49, further seeks following reliefs by this Hon Court:

- xv. For an order directing the respondents that supplementary nutrition in accordance with provisions of the National Food Security Act, 2013, be provided to every pregnant women and lactating mother till 6 months after child birth and every child in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, in accordance with the GoI Circular dated 30.03.20 at the doorstep (Annexure A, pp. 7 – 8 hereto). Further to provide Rs. 6000 to every pregnant women and lactating mother in accordance with section 4 of the Act immediately.
- xvi. For an order directing the respondents to ensure that all ration shops are kept open during the lockdown and that all beneficiaries to be given an additional entitlement of 5 kg wheat/rice and 1 kg preferred pulses free every month for the next three months in

addition to the existing entitlement in accordance with the announcement of the Relief Package by the Finance Minister dated 26.03.20 (Annexure P-8 at p.136-141 of the Writ Petition). Additionally, no person be denied ration merely on account not holding a ration card/Aadhar card and ration be distributed based upon any identification proof in accordance with the directions passed by this Hon'ble Court in para 128.4 of Swaraj Abhiyan (II) case (2016) 7 SCC 498, 543.

- xvii. For an order directing the respondents to grant above mentioned benefits free of cost to all migrant workers, unregistered construction workers and the like for the next three months even in the absence of Aadhar identification.
- xviii. For an order directing that the announcement of the GoI dated 28.03.20 (at Annexure B, pp. 9 – 11 hereto) in respect of agricultural and related operations be implemented fully and that all agricultural and related products, services and activities be exempted from the lockdown and that the harvesting of crops not be hindered in any manner. Further that all activities relating to agencies engaged in procurement of agricultural products, Mandies, farming operations by

farmers and farm workers be exempted from the lockdown.

- xix. For an order directing the respondents to direct all Municipal Corporations to set up feeding centres for providing free cooked food for beggars and those seeking food in accordance with UoI Circular dated 26.03.20. (At Annexure C, p.12 hereto).
- xx. For an order directing the respondents to forthwith peruse the lacunae pointed out by the petitioner in their Chart at Annexure E, pp. 16 – 32 hereto, Annexure F, pp. 33 – 45, and if accurate, take immediate and urgent step to improve the deficit services and report to this Court.
- xxi. For an order directing that Special Teams of officials visit the brick kiln of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jammu, where according to the petitioner, thousands of migrant workers are confined within the industry as bonded labour and to ensure that all the workers are documented, their wages are paid, they are given free food and medical attention immediately.
- xxii. For an order directing all Chemists shops in the Country to remain open on all days.
- xxiii. For an order directing all public and private hospitals to remain open and keep OPD open on all days.

- xxiv. For an order directing the State of Uttarakhand to re-open privately run shelter homes which has been closed.
- xxv. For an order directing the State of J&K to substantially enhance the number of ambulances and other forms of transportation for persons requiring medical aid and to advertise a helpline number for this purpose.
- xxvi. For an order directing the State of Jharkhand to provide full rations to all eligible persons including those whose ration card has been cancelled.
- xxvii. For an order directing the State of Jharkhand to restart the ambulance services in the rural areas.
- xxviii. For an order directing the State of Jharkhand to make an assessment of the number of shelter homes needed, to restart the shelter homes that were closed and to construct the necessary number of shelter homes and to ensure food, medicines and proper hygiene there.
- xxix. For an order directing the State of Jharkhand to take necessary steps in regard to prisoners suffering from Thalassemia and to ensure proper medical care is provided to them.
- xxx. For an order directing the respondents to conduct a judicial enquiry in all cases where it is alleged that a person died of starvation and to supply the copy of

the report of the judicial enquiry to the family of the deceased.

- xxxi. For an order directing respondents who are providing cash (Rs. 114, 171 in lieu of 15 days of food under Mid-day meal scheme) to enhance this payment 10 times with immediate effect retrospectively.
- xxxii. For an order directing the respondents to forthwith purchase and provide all medical staff working in the medical institutions with PPE with immediate effect and to summon all staff by cancelling leaves so that the shortage of the medical staff is overcome.

And for this act of kindness petitioner shall ever pray.

Delhi, 02 April 2020

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Annexure A

F. No 13/5/2020-CD-II
Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: March 30, 2020

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries dealing with Anganwadi Services in all States/UTs

Sir/ Madam,

With reference to Ministry of Home Affairs order No. 40-3/2020/D dated 24.03.2020 for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country and for ensuring continuous nutritional support for the beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services, the following instructions are issued to the States and UTs.

(i) Instructions issued vide No.CD-II-13/5/2020-CD-II dated March 23, 2020 may please be referred to.

(ii) As per the National Food Security Act, 2013 provision of nutrition to the beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services scheme is a legal entitlement. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 mandates Supplementary Nutrition be provided to every Pregnant Women and Lactating Mother till 6 months after child birth, and every child in the age group of 6 months to 6 years (including those suffering from malnutrition).

(iii) Section 8 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 provides that in case of non-supply of the entitled quantities of food grains or meals to entitled persons, such persons shall be entitled to receive such food security allowance from the concerned State Government to be paid to each person, within such time & manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

(iv) Rule 8 of the Supplementary Rules, 2017, provides that if in case of non-supply of meal to the beneficiaries in Anganwadi Centre on any day due to non-availability of food grains or any other reason, the State Governments or Union Territory Administrations shall pay food security allowance as defined in clause (d) of rule 2 to every beneficiary referred to in rule 3 as per rates specified in rule-11.

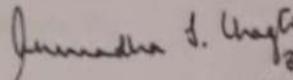
(iv) It is observed that in many States/ UTs, in the light of Ministry of Home Affairs order mentioned above, the Anganwadi Centres are closed and States/ UTs have taken steps to provide Supplementary Nutrition to the beneficiaries at their door steps. Accordingly, necessary instructions may be given to the district authorities to utilize services of Anganwadi Workers/ Helpers for such delivery of food items for continuous nutritional support. During this time, suitable measures suggested by health authorities such as avoidance of social contact, usage of sanitizer, wearing of protection gear etc. by the Anganwadi Workers/ Anganwadi Helpers during distribution may be ensured.

Jayashree S. Nayak

(v) States/ UTs that have decided to provide the Supplementary Nutrition at the doorstep of beneficiaries may provide entitlement as per norms, as a single instalment to the extent possible, to avoid repeated contact. The evidence of distribution of Supplementary Nutrition at the doorstep such as photographs, acknowledgement receipts shall be maintained.

(vi) States/UTs are also advised to comply with the Operational Guidelines for Food Safety and Hygiene in ICDS circulated vide this Ministry's Letter number F. No. 5(25)/2010/ND-Tech Pt. dated 24.12.2013 of this Ministry during such distribution at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries .

Yours faithfully,


(Anuradha S. Chagti)
Joint Secretary (ICDS)
30/3/2020

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PPS to Secretary (WCD)

Sr. PPS to SS(AT)

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Annexure B

Press Information Bureau

Government of India

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

28-March-2020 13:44 IST

Agriculture-Farming and allied activities exempted from Lockdown

Availability of foodgrains to be ensured, harvesting to continue uninterrupted Union Agriculture Minister Shri Tomar expresses gratitude to PM & Home Minister Central Govt shares farmers' concerns, Union Home Ministry issues amendment to Guidelines issued under Disaster Management Act

Government has granted relaxation in the nationwide lockdown for activities related to agriculture-farming and allied activities with a view to address problems being faced by the farming community. This will also ensure uninterrupted harvesting of crops. In this regard the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.

Shri Tomar has been constantly monitoring issues related to the farmers ever since the lockdown was enforced. He was apprised of the difficulties the farmers could face in the harvesting of their crops and transporting foodgrains to the mandis. Keeping in view the demands of farmers and concerned organisations and at the directions of the Prime Minister, the

Union Government urgently considered and sympathetically examined the issue, following which a practical solution was arrived at in the interest of farmers and related communities.

The Union Home Ministry has issued second Addendum to the Guidelines related to the nationwide lockdown issued vide its Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th & 25th March, 2020 in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act with the Chairperson, National Executive Committee. Under this Addendum, activities related to Agriculture and related products, services and such other activities have been brought under the exception categories from the 21 day lockdown. This will also allow unhindered harvesting of crops. The Agriculture Minister has complimented the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister for the exception granted to agriculture and allied activities.

Under the 2nd Addendum issued by the Union Home Ministry the following categories have been exempted from the lockdown:

- i. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations;
- ii. 'Mandis' operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee or as notified by the State Government;
- iii. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in the field;
- iv. 'Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)' related to farm machinery;
- v. Manufacturing and packaging units of fertilisers, pesticides and seed; &

- vi. Intra and Inter-State movement of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/horticulture implements.

This decision has been taken with a view to facilitate unhindered activities related to agriculture and farming so as to ensure essential supplies to the common man and that the farmers and common people do not face any difficulty during the lockdown. Government of India has issued necessary directions to the concerned Ministries/Departments and designated officials of the States and UTs.

(True Copy)

Annexure C

R. Subrahmanyam, IAS
Secretary



Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
Government of India

26th March 2020

D.O. Ltr/Secy/spl/03/2020

Dear Commissioner,

You are aware that the Government of India in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has selected (10) Municipal Corporations for implementing a comprehensive plan to end the practice of beggary by identifying, rescuing, protecting, training and finally settling the persons engaged in beggary. This project would be totally funded by Government of India.

In the current circumstances facing the Country in the wake of COVID19 outbreak, and the resulting lockdown all over the Country, it is feared that many people currently engaged in begging would be facing serious difficulties resulting in starvation. In view of this, as a prelude to the comprehensive plan for beggary, it is proposed that Municipal Corporations may **set up feeding centres for providing cooked food for the persons engaged in beggary with immediate effect**. This arrangement would also help in identification of the persons who could be later brought under the project.

The cost of running these centres can be booked into the overall scheme grant that is being released by the Government.

I will be grateful for an **immediate confirmation** of these arrangements along with location of the feeding centres, persons responsible, number of persons proposed to be fed in the centre.

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Yours sincerely

(R. Subrahmanyam)

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Deaths due to Lockdown are Greater than those due to Corona

Sr. No	Name	Age	State	Reason	Source
1	Ranveer Singh	39	Uttar Pradesh	He walked from Delhi and complained about chest pain after walking 200 kilometer and died of exhaustion	Times of India, 28th March
2-6	5 persons	2 children, 1 women and 2 men	Haryana	Three workers and two children, heading home on foot crushed to death in Haryana	29th March via twitter
7-14	8 persons	8 adult and 1 child of 18 months	Telangana	Returning home after lockdown killed in a road accident in Hyderabad	Indian Express - 29th March
15	Rahul Musahar	11	Bihar	Died of hunger	Tweet by Kavita Krishnan - 28th March
16-19	4 persons		Maharashtra	Four migrants, walking back to their village in Rajasthan, run over in Mumbai	Indian Express - 28th March
20	Gangaram	62	Gujarat	Dies after walking home from hospital in Surat	Indian Express - 28th March
21	Lal Swami	32	West Bengal	Beaten up by police when went to buy milk	Indian Today 26th March
22		70	Kerala	70-year-old woman with a medical emergency died after the road was blocked due to lockdown in Kerala	Matrubhumi - 29th March
23	Abdbul Hamid	60	Kerala	Died of a heart attack because Karnataka police did not allow his nephew to take him to the hospital	New Indian Express - 28th March
24-27	4 persons		Tamilnadu	Died in a forest fire after they were forced to use a forest path because of the lockdown. The regular road was closed	The Hindu - 25th March
28	Naresh Shinde	50	Maharashtra	Hit by police and dies as he didn't get any medical attention	Hindustan times - 28th March
29-30	2 persons		Karnataka	Critically ill patients die as Karnataka continues to block ambulances from Kasaragod at Mangaluru border as part of Lockdown	New Indian Express - March 30
31	1 persons			Death on the roadside due to starvation:	31st March
32	Bablu		Bihar	Migrants kill resident in Bihar village for informing officials about their arrival	India today 31st March

33	Shanu Kushwaha	35	Madhya Pradesh	Instead of being taken to the hospital, a sick worker was left on the bus stand by the doctor because of the lockdown. He died at the bus stand in Datia	Amarujala - 28th March
34	Lalaram		Rajasthan	Was walking home after the lockdown. He got sick, but did not get food or medical attention. He died in Jaipur	Amar Ujala- 30th March
35	Baktaruddin Barbhuiya		Assam	Assam Constable Dies in Market, Family Claims Lynched. The alleged attackers were angry as he was trying to enforce the lockdown ordered by the government, wife claimed	New18- March 28
36	Chandrakant Biradar	47	Karnataka	Committed suicide because he couldn't transport his produce due to the lockdown	The New Indian Express- 1st April
37	Roshan lal	27	UP	27-year-old dalit daily wage worker kills self after being tortured by UP police	National herald- 2nd April
38	Mira Bi	65	Andhra Pradesh	She passed away after standing in the Sun for free ration given as part of Covid relief program of state Govt in Chodavaram Block, Visakhapatnam	Via twitter by Chakri- 30th March
39	Hanumanthappa	60	Karnataka	Stabbed with a knife for not drinking alcohol at Kodigenahalli police station in Tumkur district	Prajaavaani, 29th March
40	Bhaskar, Umesh Kadapa and 2 youths	40, 46 and 2 youths	Karnataka	Commit suicide due to unavailability of alcohol	Public TV, 29th March
41	4 migrants		Haryana	4 dead, 4 injured after being run over by a vehicle on Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway	National Herald, 29th March
42	A boy	10	Karnataka	Dies because of dehydration	Twitter, 29th March
43	U Srinu	32	Telangana	Commits suicide because of not getting alcohol due to the lockdown	Telangana Today, 29th March
44	A child	4	Assam	Dies in a mother's arms because of not being able to taken to the hospital due to the lockdown	Twitter, 29th March
45	7 persons		Kerala	Commit suicide because of non-availability of liquor due to the lockdown	News 18, 29th March

46	An unidentified man	mid-60s	Telangana	Could have died of starvation	The Indian Express, 1st April
47	A man	mid-40s	Telangana	Was addicted of toddy and could have died of withdrawal symptoms	The Indian Express, 1st April
48	3 persons	70, 45 and 40	Telangana	The symptoms showed that they were addicted to alcohol but the cause of deaths have not been confirmed by the police	The Indian Express, 1st April

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State Wise Status Report								
STATE	Anganwadi Centres	Mid-Day Meals	Ration Shops	Access to Medical Aid	Community Kitchen	OPD- Public Hospitals (whether open)	Conditions in Shelter Homes	Other Issues
Delhi (Matter pending in the High Court)								
Punjab	15 days ration given to families.	15 days ration given.	2.5 lakhs Brick Kilns workers kept confirmed within 2800 Brick Kilns and received no benefits at all. Emergency intervention needed.	Chemist shops closed.	Nil	OPD's in both public and private hospitals closed. No supply of medicines. Doctors not available.	Shelter homes being opened. migrant labourers being put in these homes. there is over crowding with 500-600 person per home.	Labour department does not want to take any responsibility for migrant workers. Punjab has total 21 lakhs labourers. Only 3 Lakhs registered workers. All facilities being extended to only 3 lakhs registered workers. More than 1 Lakh children. 90% of them are migrant labours. No services/benefits being provided to them.
Uttar Pradesh	All anganwadi centres are closed.	Midday meal not being distributed as all primary schools are closed	Ration Shops are open. Free Ration (20 Kg Wheat and 15 Kg Rice) was distributed only to Antyodaya	The medical situation in UP is alarming. General Hospitals and OPDs are either closed or there are no doctors available. Only	527 kitchens were directed to be opened during the lockdown throughout the state by the UP Govt. However, how	Initially the Public OPDs were fully closed in the state. (https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/noida/OPDs-closed-	In districts where migrants have returned from outside shelter homes, school buildings and panchayat bhawans are being used to shelter	Police Atrocities In Uttar Pradesh, cops were seen forcing people to hop like frogs for simply being seen on the road during the curfew. Video link: https://twitter.com/Zebaism/status/1243084378751651841

			<p>Card Holders, MNREGA Job Card Holders and labourers registered with labour department. Normal ration card holders were given 5 kg ration. However, various discrepancies have been reported in different districts in the distribution system. In some districts ration was distributed to only those who were issued advance tokens. In certain areas ration shops were closed hours before the prescribed time. At many</p>	<p>corona wards are operational. There is a huge shortage of PPEs. (https://caravanmagazine.in/health/doctors-lucknow-hospital-raise-alarm-shortage-of-protective-gear-express-fear). In many districts even private hospitals are closed. The hospital owners say that the hospitals are closed as the staff is unable to come to the hospitals due to lockdown. There are reports of hospitals refusing to admit serious patients due to corona scare. In Lucknow a child died because he</p>	<p>many of them are actually functional cannot be ascertained currently.</p>	<p>patients-flock-to-special-clinics-at-government-hospitals/article/eshow/74783682.cms). In many districts OPDs are still closed and only emergency services are functional.</p>	<p>them. Migrants are being compulsorily quarantined. However, there are not many arrangements for the homeless and pavement dwellers.</p>	<p>In another incident a person who was going to buy medicine along with his wife was brutally beaten in Varanasi. (https://www.amarujala.com/uttar-pradesh/varanasi/lockdown-in-varanasi-police-beaten-a-man-who-going-hospital-with-wife-coronavirus)</p> <p>Similarly, a vegetable vendor was beaten in Noida for selling vegetables. (https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-52063286)</p> <p>Haryana State roadways bus driver who was asked to drop migrants returning home during the lockdown against COVID-19 was allegedly thrashed by Uttar Pradesh police on the outskirts of Lucknow for merely asking directions. (https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/bus-driver-taking-migrants-home-alleges-he-was-beaten-by-up-police-for-asking-directions/article31234458.ece)</p> <p>On 2.4.2020 the national Herald reported that a dalit youth committed suicide after he was</p>
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			<p>ration shops ratio could not be distributed because server was down.</p>	<p>was refused to be admitted by the hospitals. (Link: https://www.amarujala.com/lucknow/innocent-child-died-in-lucknow?pageId=1).</p> <p>Even emergency services are affected because of the lockdown. (https://www.amarujala.com/lucknow/emergency-surgery-also-closed-in-government-hospitals-in-lucknow?pageId=1).</p> <p>Meanwhile, at the Jhansi Medical College in Uttar Pradesh, the nursing staff has not received their salary for seven months. Nurses were made to sign stamp papers</p>				<p>brutally beaten up by a UP Police constable allegedly for violating the quarantine. https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/india/uttar-pradesh-dalit-youth-kills-self-after-being-tortured-by-police-for-breaking-quarantine-rule</p>
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				<p>saying that they cannot go on strike, or work anywhere else. If they violate the agreement, they will be expelled from jobs. (https://caravanmagazine.in/health/india-under-supported-health-care-workers-crumbling-pressure-covid-19). Drivers of around 4,700 ambulances that mainly serve government hospitals went on strike on Tuesday, demanding proper safety gear and health insurance. Though, it is reported that the strike was called off later.</p>				
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Uttarakhand	<p>Anganwadi workers have to provide THR for 6 months to 3 years children, pregnant mothers, and to mother whose babies are up to six months old. Further, hot Cooked Meal for the children from 3-6 years old has now been replaced with providing raw food supplies. No PPE for workers engaged in the task and salaries of the workers are also below standards i.e., Rs 3500 and Rs 7500</p>	<p>Closed for children in Primary and above. i.e., for children above 6 years</p>	<p>Open on daily basis from 07:00 am to 11:00 am</p>	<p>Extremely poor. Patients who have medical conditions and need special care are struggling to get admitted in hospitals and are not receiving proper treatment in hospitals. Doctors are not equipped with PPEs, therefore many doctors are not even entertaining the patients. Lockdown has further enhanced the problems multifariously, as the District Hospital are placed in cities of every district, so those who live in faraway blocks or remote villages with no road connectivity are not receiving medical aid. PHCs, CHCs,</p>	<p>Community kitchen are functional by different names like "roti banks" which are providing cooked food packets to daily wagers, migrant workers etc within the city and raw food supplies like pulses, rice, wheat, cooking oil, etc to those who are outside the cities.</p>	<p>General OPD are open. However, 108 ambulance services are not working properly.</p>	<p>Same as before. Okay</p>	
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	for Mini & Full Anganwadi Workers respectively. Anganwadi Workers Union have raised their demands before the government for increasing their salaries and providing PPEs.			FRUs are in extremely bad shape. There is a huge storage of doctors and medical staff. In some parts pharmacies are running out of supplies.				
Jammu & Kashmir	All the anganwari centres are closed.	Currently no mid-day meals are being provided across J&K.	Ration shops are open and they consequently are providing ration (only ration) to families.	Private medical shops are open. Ailing patients, chronic patients face difficulties while travelling from one district to another district. Due to the acute lack of public transport, poor and middle-class families have to face numerous difficulties. Most patients are complaining	Community kitchens are functional in some areas. Most of the community kitchens are closed.	General OPD are open but due to the acute shortage of public transport, the poor class families are worst affected. Therefore, poor class and lower middle class families face difficulties.	Government run shelter homes are open while as private run shelter homes are closed.	The private medical stores are having field day since there is no checking being done by legal metrology dept. There acute shortage of masks, gloves and sanitizers etc in the market. Wherever the masks, sanitizers and gloves are available its being sold at exorbitant prices. Police personnel in some cases ruthlessly beat up people who were out for medical aid. Even the health department employees were not allowed to travel beyond nakas etc.

				about lack of transport facilities.				
Jharkhand	Anganwadi Centres are completely closed. It is also necessary to inform that Take-Home Ration was not available in the Anganwadi Centres since last 2 months.	Government has said that there will be home delivery. But there are instances where school children are not receiving mid-day meals. 80 percent children are not getting mid-day meal. Egg is also not provided. Also, it was published in the local newspaper Udit Jharkhand dated 30 March 2020 in page No. 5 that children were called to school for distribution of dry Ration at their own risk	Though Government has directed for advance ration of April and May months without biometrics, but most of the households have not received ration for March month also. In most of the cases the dealers are showing on the online portal that the March month's ration has been distributed, but the people have still not received the	Primary Health Centres are open without any proper facilities. No medicines and no doctors are available. ANM are operating the PHC. OPD is completely closed. Because of the lock down no transportation facilities are available. Even prior to the lock down most of the health care centres lacked the basic facilities and majority of the people were going to different Hospital outside their town, some were even forced to travel to their neighbouring	Community kitchen are running for only those who can afford to come to kitchen centre. But the condition is very bad in rural areas. Community kitchen is not available in all the villages of Jharkhand. Also, Jharkhand government is providing Dal Bhat in limited number of police stations, but the villages are also situated very far from the Police Stations and the people because of fear	Till now the testing facility is only available in one medical hospital in Jharkhand. There are only 200 ventilators available in RIMS. And very few blood stocks are available. OPDs are closed in all the District hospitals. No private hospital has taken any step for the protection from COVID 19. And they also fail to address the grievances of the normal patients.	As of now there are very few functioning shelter homes in Ranchi alone, which also lack the basic facilities of kitchen essentials and toilet-bathroom is also a major issue. And out of these also many are closed and not functioning.	Prisoners have not been released. Person suffering from Thalassemia are unable to get blood, for blood transfusion. Even the Blood Banks are not ready to help them, and ask them to get a blood donor, after which they can be given the required blood for blood transfusion. Women helpline number is not working. Even the COVID-19 Helplines are barely functioning. Only the capital city Ranchi and other major cities of the state have the home delivery system, and the people of other districts are left on their own, if you can approach the authorities for the requirements, it is good, and in other cases the poor people simply give up, knowing well that no one will come to their rescue. Cases of police brutality, there are instances, where the police are lathi charging even those, who are out to get medicines or other necessities, and when the victim tried raising their voice, the police simply took them to the police station. The government has sanctioned Rs. 10,000 to the

		<p>in spite of lockdown and government order regarding closure of schools. Also, no steps have been taken for the children who are residing at long distance from the school. It is also pertinent to mention that no special arrangements has been made for girls and disabled students.</p>	<p>same (Now what will they do?). OTP system is followed which is causing nuance to poor public. Huge black-marketing by ration dealers. Ration dealer is adamant on providing ration through OTP only despite Government asking the dealer to give ration through register entry. Government has cancelled many ration cards in the last 3 years and there is also a report by Abhijeet Banerjee, Noble Prize winner which</p>	<p>states for the same. But because of lock down people are not able to avail good health services anywhere. Ambulance services are also not available in rural areas.</p>	<p>of illegal detention and false cases are not able to access the same.</p>			<p>various Panchayat Mukhiyas, to cater to the needs of the villagers and their ration (the ones who are not getting ration for some or the other reason). The problem here is, each Panchayat consist of a cluster of villages, spread over a large area and not only one village, housing 8-10 families, how can one even imagine Rs. 10,000 being sufficient for them. The poor farmers are forced to do away with their produce, either by throwing it away or feeding it to their cattle.</p>
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			<p>states that 90 percent of the ration card cancelled by the authorities were genuine, which has led to 24+ Starvation deaths in Jharkhand. Also households who have applied for the ration card and are waiting for the issuance of the same are not getting any support from the Government which leads to the question about the poor people who have failed to apply for the ration card due to their illiteracy,</p>					
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			or any other difficulties. And the people who are getting their ration are not getting the full quota.					
Bihar	All anganwadi centres are Closed. The government has announced to transfer the cash assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer system to the account of beneficiaries. However, an 11-year-old Dalit boy died of hunger at Mushahar Tola in Bihar's Ara district on March 27, as	Centres are closed. However, cash assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in bank accounts to be given to the beneficiaries. However, there is no confirmation that the beneficiaries received the said amount yet. The Education Department of Bihar government has instructed its district	The ration shops are operational and the ration have been provided until March, 2020. All ration card holders are also provided with additional cash assistance of Rs.1000. (https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/all-ration-card-holding-families-in-bihar-to-get-rs-1-000-each-1659662-	Access to medical aid is affected significantly because of non-availability of OPD services at Government and private hospitals. Many private hospitals and pathology labs are closed due to which routine check-ups are affected. Patients of Non-communicable diseases (NCD), paediatric patients pregnant women, immunization services needed	Only at a few places in the Patna city food centres have been started to which the needy has to reach to get food which is not sufficient at all to feed the poor, homeless, differently-abled persons, widows, old age persons etc. NGOs and voluntary organization which wish to distribute food packets/dry ration has been asked to	OPD services are almost closed. In Patna, the only hospital with OPD services is Indra Gandhi Institute Medical Sciences (IGIMS) Hospital. Most of the private hospitals are also closed, however, in a few hospitals' emergency services are operational. There is a enormous inadequacy of medical staffs in the hospitals	There are about 120 relief shelters developed in schools has been opened across the state till date to quarantine the homeless, migrant workers and others where food and health services to be available as per the direction by the government. The pre-existing 3-night centres in the Patna city is full to its capacity. The government has issued order to the school administration to use their premises as isolation centre for the migrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black-marketing: After the announcement of the complete lockdown till 14.04.2020 by the Prime Minister, the people went on to the shops in huge numbers and the stock of ration was over after which the shopkeepers who had some stock with themselves started selling the products at a higher price. On 25.03.2020 the essential items like wheat flour went out of stock in the city of Patna. The shopkeepers stock the essential rations. Black-marketing started of Sanitizer and Masks in Patna. (https://www.bhaskar.com/local/bihar/patna/news/lakhisarai-bihar-coronavirus-lockdown-latest-news-police-action-on-shopkeepers-black-marketing-127064819.html) (https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/state/bihar/patna/sir-i-am-hungry-here-flour-is-selling-expensive) (https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/s

<p>published in a news article in The Indian Express, 29.03.2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ICDS Anganwadi Centres Closed till further orders in Bihar (13.03.2020). (https://www.livehindustan.com/bihar/story-coronavirus-fear-in-bihar-anganwadi-centers-will-be-closed-from-today-till-next-order-3082224.html) On 26.03.2020 Rahul Mushra a 11 years old boy died in Jawahar Tola Musahri 	<p>education officers to reimburse the children for their mid-day meals during the 15-day shutdown caused by the global pandemic COVID-19 with merely Rs 114. The letter instructed that the Department should deposit Rs 114 and Rs 171 for standard I to V and VI to VII students respectively into the bank account of students/parents. The benefit cannot be availed by the students who doesn't have account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Day 	<p>2020-03-25). As per a notification by the Govt. of Bihar on 01.04.2020, transfer of cash assistance of Rs 1000/- to ration card holders will be sent in the course of the day. However, there is no confirmation of the said amount by the families to date. Additionally, 5 kg Rice to the beneficiaries will be provided under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana for the month of April, May and June, 2020 to</p>	<p>regular consultation and they should not be denied medical care. Out of the 38 required district hospitals the state had 36, while for the 212 required sub-divisional hospitals, the state only had 44 hospitals. It also falls short of the required primary and rural health centres. Bihar has only 533 primary health centres while the required number is 3,314. The state has 1,350 additional primary health centres of the required 2,787 and 9,729 health sub-centres of the required 20,997. (https://www.ne</p>	<p>deposit the same to the administration or to the police station through which it can be distributed to the poor and needy. Permission to distribute the essentials is required by the District Control Centre which is another herculean task for the civil society and non-governmental organizations as it can further delay the food materials to reach to the needy well in time. The permission can be allowed or may be denied after scrutiny of the form</p>	<p>which are functional. The patients who seeks regular medical assistance and are suffering from chronic diseases are deprived of the fundamental medical assistance. open but not in all hospitals. OPD services has been suspended in Nalanda Medical College & Hospital (NMCH), Patna has been fully converted into Covid-19 nodal isolation centres. OPD facilities have been shut down in the Government Hospitals due</p>	<p>workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migrants have been told to stay at village schools or panchayat bhawans, that have been made to function as self-quarantine centres. (https://www.india.today.in/india/story/bihar-screening-migrant-workers-returned-coronavirus-1660149-2020-03-26) 	<p>tate/bihar/patna/lockdown-in-bihar-hoarding-profiteering-will-be-imposed-on-the-goonda-act-the-names-of-violators-of-the-lockdown-will-be-recorded-in-the-goonda-register-dgp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of PPE & Other Related Protective Kits for Doctors and Medical Staffs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Doctors and Medical staffs wait for PPE kits in Patna Medical College and Hospital, AIIMS and Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences. Doctors and Medical staffs of Nalanda Medical College and Hospital did gherao of Superintendent, demands PPE kits as per the guideline. No N95, PPE kit and equipment provided to the doctors. Govt. Doctors in Patna demand Home Quarantine from the Government. (https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/no-ppe-n95-mask-doctors-fear-infection/articleshow/74817943.cms) (https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/coronavirus-government-doctors-in-patna-seek-home-
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	<p>in Arrah district of Bihar due to hunger and starvation. (https://hindi.asiavillenews.com/article/corona-in-bihar-lockdown-in-india-hunger-death-in-bihar-37239)</p>	<p>Meal facility closed, only money is to be provided to the students. (https://www.vehindustan.com/bihar/story-chief-minister-nitish-kumar-gave-instructions-money-in-lieu-of-mid-day-meal-in-childrens-account-by-20-march-in-bihar-3085119.html)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per a report published by the Newsclick the Govt. of Bihar is going to give Rs.7.5 per meal to every student. (https://www.newsclick.in/COVID-19-bihar-govt-give-only-7.5-per-meal- 	<p>all the identified eligible families in a district keeping in view of the provisions under National Food Security Act, 2013 as per the notification released by the Food and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Bihar on 01.04.2020.</p>	<p>ws18.com/news/india/ticking-bomb-for-bihar-as-migrants-return-home-state-has-9-functioning-hospitals-with-390-specialists-2555887.html)</p>	<p>applied to get permission.</p>	<p>to the Lockdown. (http://www.uniindia.com/news/east/health-bihar-demand/1936168.html)</p>		<p>quarantine/article31169748.ece) (https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/health/covid-19-bihar-s-healthcare-workers-threaten-to-leave-ask-to-be-quarantined-in-absence-of-ppes-70046)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Beatings: A sanitization worker of the Patna Municipal Corporation was thrashed by the Police in the city of Patna during the lockdown on 27.03.2020 while he was going to duty. The sanitization worker kept on repeating and requested the police to not to beat him and let him go as he was going on duty but the police kept on beating him leading to injuries. (https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/pmc-sanitation-worker-thrashed-by-cops/articleshow/74853046.cms) (https://www.deccanherald.com/national/north-and-central/coronavirus-bihar-cops-enforce-lockdown-with-iron-fist-many-land-in-jail-818046.html)
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		children-deprived-midday-meals)						
Maharashtra	Anganwadi Centres closed since 20.04.2020. Nutrition schemes continue as per notification-THR for 6 Mo to 3-year-old children continues but Hot Cooked meals for 3 to 6-year-old children has been replaced with THR in the wake of COVID. Special Nutrition scheme for	Schools Closed since 18.03.2020 hence Midday Meal Supplies stopped in the State. Direct Benefit Transfer of the entitlement will be provided to the eligible beneficiaries. Bank transfers not initiated till date.	1. Ration shops in Maharashtra are generally open except few. Ration Shops located in the sealed areas resultant of virus contamination are closed. 2. Supply Materials found missing at many shops. 3. Social distancing being practised at most of the shops but due to stoppage of		Community Kitchen known as Shiv Bhojan Yojana here was discontinued earlier but though Government had announced resumption of the scheme from 01.04.2020, all the centres have not opened yet. The state has announced increase in the target to 1 lakh meals per day but on implementation front, there is a			

	<p>pregnant women in 16 tribal districts continues with Hot Cooked Meal with a proviso for DBT in case meal cannot be served to the beneficiaries. EDNF supplies to severely malnourished children in the state continued.</p>		<p>biometrics, monitoring of ration lifting impossible. 4. The State has decided to allot free food-grains of 5 kg. rice only after the PDS beneficiary lifts the monthly PDS quota of their entitlements on payment of price, many ration card holders may face problems due to financial crunch faced by them.5. Non PHH beneficiaries(Ration Card holders above the financial limits of Rs 59000/- and having income within Rs. 1 lakh- app. 1</p>		<p>lackadaisical attitude, The scheme should have a wide geographical coverage to reach all urban and rural areas.</p>			
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			cr. 77 lakh ration card holders in the state) are not provided with free or paid supplies from ration shops. 6. Non ration card holders too disentitled from ration supplies.					
Madhya Pradesh	The Anganwadis are closed. ASHA workers in some areas have been asked to collect information about the suspected patients. For safety, they have only been provided with masks.	Schools are closed. As per the government, in the wake of the spread of the virus, it is not possible to provide food to the children under the class 8 of government schools and therefore, the government will transferred Rs.2000 as the food money in their parents accounts. It is	Two months ration given in advance to beneficiaries. The ration shops, as claimed by the government, will open regularly.	Medical stores are open. In newspaper contact No. published to contact with Doctors on phone for suggestions	There have been some community kitchens that have come up but their numbers are low. Also, these community kitchens are restricted to urban areas.	OPD are open but govt. suggesting for visits at OPD only on urgency otherwise suggestion are given on phone by Doctors. In Shivpuri, OPD have been closed unofficially and most of the patients are being referred to Gwalior. Priority is given only to	Shelter homes are open. New homes have come up after the lockdown. For e.g.: As per the notification on 31/03/2020 by the Tribal department, all the collectors have been asked to use spaces of the department like the tribal hostels, schools, other buildings for the migrant workers to stay in. However, the food and bedding is to be provided by the respective districts.	

		<p>however unclear how the government will procure the bank account of so many parents. Similarly, the cooks of the midday meals have also been sent the money directly into their account. The implementation of this still needs to be look after. As per Jan sampark sachivalaya MP State Samachar Under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme of Panchayat and Rural Development Department, 66 crore 27 thousand</p>				<p>suspected COVID 19 patients, the others have had bad experiences dealing with the staff.</p>		
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		students were transferred Rs 117 crore as food security allowance in their parents' account.						
Chhattisgarh	Angadwadi centres are starting to distribute ready to eat food packets in the place of cooked meals	students to be given rice and dal grains	PDS shops providing two months free advance ration which includes rice and sugar. dal in some places.	An order has been passed on 1.4.2020 by secretary department of health and family welfare directing the district administration to arrange for vehicles for patients to travel in view of the lockdown.	no community kitchen service are in place. cooked meals are being provided NGOs and private person. social welfare department is only overseeing.	OPD and diagnostics services suspended in some hospitals.		Chhattisgarh Police has registered a case against local journalists in Bastar. Read more at: http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/74877307.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

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Initiatives by the State Governments to ensure food security during COVID19

	Levels of Child Stunting (%) 2015-16*	Public Distribution System Rations [Percent population without NFSA ration cards (%), 2011]#	Children's and Women's nutrition [Percent of Children under 6 years without SNP, 2015-16]+	Social Pensions [Percent of eligible persons without NSAP pensions - 2020]##	Employment Guarantee	Registered Unorganised Workers	Community Kitchens	Others	Comments
Jharkhand	48	<p>Advance distribution of ration for April and May</p> <p>Eligible families with pending applications for ration cards will also be provided 10 kilos of rice at Re1/kilo of rice procured from local markets.</p> <p>Biometric authentication for ration distribution suspended. OTP and mobile numbers to be used instead.</p> <p>[Rural = 14% Urban = 40%]</p>	[49%]	[67%]	Full wage payment for lockdown period for registered daily wage workers		350 dal-bhat kendras will provide free meals during the lockdown	Rs 1000 to every village mukhiya to distribute to the needy	Distributions of advance rations have begun. But families are expected to pay for it but cash resources are limited. Also thousands of the most marginalised families have not applied for ration cards. OTP and mobile numbers are still exclusionary as the poorest families and female-headed households have low levels of literacy and may not possess a phone. Only a fraction of workers are

									registered. Dal-bhat kendras need to be opened in every school to prevent starvation.
Bihar	44	₹1000 per eligible ration card is to be deposited into their bank accounts. [Rural:16% Urban: 35%]	[66%]	[59%]				1. 100 crore package for CORONA relief 3. Shelter homes for the inbound migrants at the borders to be set up	The first starvation death of 11-year old Rahul Musahar has already occurred. Difficult for people to access cash in banks or via business correspondents during the lockdown period. So ideally free food-grain should be distributed door-to-door to all families (with or without ration cards) and cash distributed with village volunteers similar to Andhra Pradesh
Madhya Pradesh	43	[Rural: 20%	Ready-to-eat food by the self-help groups to be supplied weekly to children (3-6 years) at home [40%]	[74%]					The newly formed state government has done little to stem the COVID hunger crisis. The state also has a long history of starvation deaths and high levels of child

		Urban: 38%]							malnutrition
Uttar Pradesh	40	Free food-grains for the months of April and May in advance <u>only</u> to widows, old age and handicapped pensioners [Rural: 20% Urban: 38%]	[70%]	[56%]		Rs 1,000 grant to 3.5 lakh daily wage labourers and construction workers through bank accounts			It will be difficult for daily wage labourers to access the cash from bank accounts and besides only a very small percentage are registered. Free food-grains are also <u>only</u> being provided to social pensioners. Usually families without ration cards, also do not have access to pensions - which makes them twice excluded.
Chhattisgarh	38	Free rations to all ration cardholders for the month of April and May	Ready to eat food to all beneficiaries of AWCs and dry ration for 40 days will be given to parents of school children Primary and Upper-Primary schools shall provide dry ration to children. It shall include 4 kg rice and 0.8 kg pulses		NREGA works to open with safety of workers such as washing of hands, facilities of handwash at worksite, awareness drive, face masks to be procured from Khadi Gramodyog, towels for		1. Free cooked food to caretakers of patients admitted in government hospitals. 2. Beggars, destitute mostly in urban areas to get cooked meals or door to door delivery by NGOs, religious	1. Free home delivery of Ration & medicines in Ambikapur. 2. Taken over control of a private medical college Raipur Inst. Of Medical Sciences (RIMS) under the Chhattisgarh Epidemic Disease Covid-19 Rules, 2020.	Chhattisgarh was more prepared than other states as its lockdown began a few days earlier. Beneficiaries have begun to receive 2 months of advance rations. Distribution of ICDS rations has started from 27th March and continues, but packets are still being prepared by SHGs. MDM ration will start

			for upper primary students while the primary school students shall get 6kg of rice and 1.2 kg of pulses		every worker. New wage list highly skilled-446, skilled-416, semi skilled-386 and unskilled 361. agricultural labourers 7555/month or Rs 352 per day		bodies, lions club, rotary club. District administration and Police to assist in the entire process		on 3rd April. NREGA worksites are open with new physical distancing norms, but workers are afraid of police harassment while stepping outside homes. Community kitchens in rural panchayats for those who cannot cook and didn't receive dry rations have been provisioned for. In urban areas, civil society groups are expected to commence community kitchens. The PIL filed by civil society groups in the High Court has not yet been heard.
		[Rural: 39% Urban: 47%]	[28%]	[56%]					
Rajasthan	37	Dry ration, including 5 kg wheat, 0.5 kg oil, 0.5 kg salt, 1 kg pulse and 1 kg rice, available to the eligible beneficiaries without demanding any paper or money.		2 months welfare pension in advance			Urban labourers not covered under PDS, to be provided free food packets		The distribution of free food packets to those without ration cards is an important initiative which can be replicated. But on-the-ground universal coverage in rural and urban pockets is yet to be fully achieved.
		[Rural: 31% Urban: 47%]	[68%]	[84%]					

Maharashtra	36	[Rural: 24% Urban: 55%]	Cost of MDM to be transferred in account of students (primary and Upper primary)	[52%]	[93%]		Community kitchens in only 9 schools of Mumbai. Food packets for only 6000 homeless	Panchayat fund to be used for provision of food and shelter to families in need.	The state government has so far only promised to implement what has been mandated by the centre. The community kitchens are too few and need to be started in every panchayat in villages, cities and towns. The crisis of stranded hungry migrants in industrial cities is acute. In villages the ground report is that some advance rations are being provided but people are asked to pay and have run out of cash. In some pockets, beneficiaries are being informed that unless they first pay for their NFSA rations they will not receive free food-grains. Universal free PDS is essential to solve both the urban migrant crisis and rural starvation. No dry rations have been provided to children.
Karnataka	35	2 months ration to all ration card holders to be	Supply of rice, egg, and chikkies	Rs 1000 per family for			Food packets to be provided	All Govt and Private	The state government has provided two

		given in advance	(jaggery and groundnut cakes) for all working days till March 31. 2.100 grams rice per day for the students studying first to fifth class and 150 grams rice for those studying fifth to tenth class will be distributed with the help of gram volunteers	ration card holders			to daily wage workers affected by lockdown.	establishments to pay full salaries for the period of lockdown to both permanent and contractual workers	months of advance ration supply of dry ration and eg
		[Rural: 24% Urban: 51%]	[43%]	[85%]					
Odisha	34	Home delivery of ration for three months (April, May and June) in advance Inclusion of 5 lakh eligible but left out individuals under State Food Security Scheme The selection and appointment process of 2590 Women SHGs in	Dry ration, ladoos, etc, shall be given to children (6 months -3 years) and pregnant/nursing women. The AWWs and helpers must maintain hygiene by using masks, gloves, sanitisers, etc. and protocols	Home delivery of four-month pension in advance to 48 lakh social security pension beneficiaries		Financial assistance of Rs. 1500 each to construction workers and Rs 3000 each to 65000 street vendors	Free hot cooked food/dry food/packaged food to destitute, beggars and people without food in urban areas and cooked food to for sick, Indigent and destitute in 100-200	Financial assistance of Rs 1000 to each 94 lakh households covered under PDS	Ration in advance for three months should technically be home delivered but in many cases, it is given at ration shops with physical distancing. Odisha is one of the few states which has made a provision for the inclusion of individuals without NFSA ration cards. Distribution of dry rations and eggs for

		<p>place of private Fair Price Shops</p> <p>Biometric scanning has been waived off.</p> <p>[Rural: 18% Urban: 44%]</p>	<p>of social distancing.</p> <p>Eggs shall also be distributed on a weekly basis at household levels.</p> <p>Distribution of take-home-ration, eggs, etc. to be monitored by members of mothers and Jaanch Committees.</p> <p>Mid-Day Meal Dry Ration of 90 days (3 Kg rice for primary class and 4.5 Kg for children in upper primary class for a month)</p> <p>[25%]</p>	[64%]			numbers in each Panchayat		school and pre-school children and social pensions has commenced.
Andhra Pradesh	32	Free ration for April with 1 Kg toor daal to be delivered to ration card holders. No biometric authentication	Supply of rice, egg, and chikkies (jaggery and groundnut cakes) for all working days till March 31. 2.100 grams				Door-delivery of social pensions from Rs 2500 to Rs 10,000 to 58 lakh beneficiaries		A cadre of village volunteers with masks and gloves have delivered social pensions in cash to 5 million beneficiaries. Dry rations and eggs

			rice per day for the students studying first to fifth class and 150 grams rice for those studying fifth to tenth class will be distributed with the help of gram volunteers				including widows, elderly and differently-abled		are also being supplied at home to school children. Distribution of free rations from ration shops has also commenced.
		[Rural: 40% Urban: 59%]	[31%]	[86%]					
West Bengal	32	Free ration for 6 months to those who get subsidised ration under PDS, maximum of 5 kg of grains per person. [Rural: 25% Urban: 52%]	2 kg of rice and potato per month would be handed over to guardians. [27%]						West Bengal has provided 6 month of free ration, but in the tea gardens which have a history of starvation deaths workers are demanding full wages to survive.
Haryana	29	One-month ration to all BPL families as per their entitlements, mustard oil and 1 kg sugar.	Dry ration to school children and children registered in AWCs till these places are closed			Registered workers will receive Rs 4,500 per month on weekly basis starting		Coronavirus patients would get free hospitalisation whether in government or private hospitals	Haryana has an order to provide dry ration and cash grants for children, but on-the-ground implementation is uncertain. Support for

		[Rural: 45% Urban: 59%]	[62%]	[88%]		March 30 as DBT. 2- Daily wagers may register on a portal to receive Rs. 1000 per week.			families without ration cards is inadequate
Telangana	28	12 kg of Rice per person to white ration cardholders. [Rural: 39% Urban: 59%]	[45%]	[86%]		One-time income support of Rs 1500 for ration card holders. Full wage payments to permanent and contractual workers for lockdown period.	Free hot cooked meal under Annapurna centres. Akshay patra to help in this.	Telangana has passed an order to provide Rs 500 to each migrant worker and 12 kilos of food-grain	Telangana is one of the few states to support migrants who are stranded with much needed food-grain and cash support. But there is inadequate support to families without ration cards who reside in the state
Delhi	27	Food-grains free of cost and 50 percent increase in quantity for ration card holders		Double pension for widows, differently-abled and elderly		Rs. 4000 to 8.5 lakh by 7 th April, 2020	Free Lunch and Dinner for anybody approaching government run night shelters		Delhi has exponentially expanded community kitchens in collaboration with civil society, but night shelters remain heavily overcrowded

		[Rural: 62% Urban: 56%]	[86%]	for March [91%]					with homeless persons and migrants.
Tamil Nadu	24	1. All the ration card-holders would get ₹1000 and free rice, dal, cooking oil and sugar. 2. Construction workers and autorickshaw drivers who are members of the welfare board would get ₹1000, 15 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal and 1 kg of cooking oil. 3. Doorstep delivery of food for the elderly. For platform vendors who have registered with the government, an additional ₹1000 will be given [Rural: 37% Urban: 62%]	[42%]	[84%]	MGNREGA workers will get a two-day special salary			1. Fishing along the coast of Tamil Nadu has been stopped 2. Fruit/veg/provisional stores and petrol pumps only open between 6am - 2.30pm.	Tamil Nadu already has a universal public distribution system and distribution of free food, essential and cash has commenced. But NREGA workers are provided with only two days or wages and
Punjab	22	Rs 20 crore from Chief Minister's Relief Fund for providing free food and medicines to the needy in the state				Immediate relief of Rs 3,000 to each registered construction worker in the state as DBT, total of Rs 96 crore has			Landless villagers and stranded migrants in the state require food support as there are reports that panchayats have been tasked to feed but have not received

		[Rural: 45% Urban: 55%]	[43%]	[97%]		been earmarked for this.			funds..
Uttarakhand		[Rural: 35% Urban: 48%]	1. Deposit money in student's account 2. AWC workers are requested to deliver ration to the doors of beneficiaries' homes [46%]	[84%]				Cash transfers of Rs 1000 to unregistered workers in Labour Department	
Himachal Pradesh	21	Ration including flour and rice for two months will be given to targeted public distribution system card holders		1. Rs 160 crore as first quarter pension will be released to social security pension holders in the first week of April. 2. Rs 3,000 as first quarter pension will be provided within a fortnight to		About 105,000 workers registered with the Building and Construction Workers Board will be provided Rs 2,000 as one- time relief			Himachal has an expanded public distribution system.

		[Rural: 44% Urban: 70%]	[32%]	about 534,000 social security pension holders including about 125,000 widows and disabled persons [89%]					
Kerala	16	Free ration distributed from 1 April. The distribution of additional 5kg of free rice will start from April 20. Those without ration cards can submit affidavits. 87 lakh free provision kits to families including those currently under home quarantine, irrespective of their income status.	Dry ration to three lakh pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, along with two lakh adolescent girls and 4.75 lakhs children below the age of three in AWCs.	1. Advance payment of pensions for the month of April. 2. Rs. 1000 per family pension for families not covered under earlier schemes (budget allocation Rs.1320 Crore) 3. two months	Rs. 2000 Crore budget allocated for employment guarantee in April-May	Rs 2,000 crore as consumer loans to those impacted by Covid-19. Another Rs 2,000 crore will be distributed as village employment assurance programme for April and May.	Subsidised Meals (at Rs.20) – Rs.50 Crore budget allocated	One-month extension for the payment of water and electricity bills, and plans to launch restaurants which will provide meals at Rs 20. Tax relief has been declared to auto rickshaws and taxis and buses.	Kerala has announced one of the most comprehensive packages and was one of the first to provide dry rations to anganwadi children. Free distribution of rations and home delivery has commenced. The construction of free community kitchens in every panchayat is important, but starvation deaths in districts such as Attapadi with a history of hunger need to be monitored. The

		[Rural: 48% Urban: 60%]	[43%]	welfare Pensions in advance [76%]					implementation of NREGA till the lockdown is uncertain.
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Sources:

*National Family Health Survey, 2015-16

#National Food Security Act, 2013 based on Census 2011

+National Family Health Survey, 2015-16

##Eligible Pensioners are all elderly, female widowed and differently-abled persons without overlaps (without income criterion) projected for 2020 based on Census 2011. The National Social Assistance programme (NSAP) pensions by the central government are only provided to those eligible persons officially identified as below the poverty line (BPL) and paid only Rs 200 per month. Under the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, only these pensioners will receive a nominal one-time grant of Rs 1000 over 3 months

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