

COVID-19 UPDATES

Highlights of Finance Minister's Press Meet about Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Part-II)

1	Rs 30,000 crores additional emergency working capital funding through NABARD; 3 crore farmers to benefit.
2	Rs 2 lakh crore concessional credit boost to 2.5 crore farmers through Kisan Credit Cards.
3	To create job opportunities for tribals /adivasis in urban, semi-urban and rural areas. -plans worth Rs 6000 crores to be approved shortly under Compensatory Afforestation Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) Funds.
4	NABARD to extend additional re-finance support of Rs 30,000 crores for crop loan requirement of Rural Co-op banks and RRBs.
5	Extension of the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for middle income group (annual income Rs 6-18 lakhs) up to March 2021; 2.5 lakh middle income families to benefit during 2020-21.
6	Nearly 50 lakh street vendors will be supported with Rs 5000 crore Special Credit Facility.
7	Relief of Rs 1500 crores Interest subvention of 2% for prompt MUDRA-Shishu Loans payees for a period of 12 months.
8	A scheme for affordable rental housing for migrant workers/urban poor to provide ease of living by converting govt funded housing in cities into Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) under PPP mode through concessionaire.
8	Free food grains supply to all migrants for the next 2 months. For non-card holders, they shall be given 5kg wheat/rice per person & 1 kg chana per family/month for 2 months. 8 crore migrants will benefit- Rs 3500 crores to be spent on this.
10	Interest subvention and prompt repayment incentive on crop loans due from 1st March has been extended to 31st May

11	One Nation One Ration Card will be implemented- 67 crore beneficiaries in 23 states covering 83% of PDS population will be covered by national portability by August 2020 and 100% National portability will be achieved by March, 2021.
Benefit to workers	
1	Government working to extend benefit of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishments employing 10 or more people, as against to those in notified districts • Employees working in establishments of less than 10 people on voluntary basis • Mandatory ESIC coverage to employees working in hazardous industries
2	Government working on universalization of right of minimum wages and timely payment of wages to all workers including unorganized workers – presently minimum wages applicable to only 30% of workers.
3	Appointment letter for all workers
4	Annual Health Check-up for employees.
6	Gratuity for Fixed Term Employment - Provision of gratuity on completion of one-year service as against 5 years.