



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
LABOUR WELFARE DEPARTMENT :: LABOUR (RC) BRANCH
JANATA BHAWAN:: DISPUR :: GUWAHATI - 6
ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 22nd November, 2021

No. GLR(RC)43/2021/89 : The Governor of Assam proposes to notify the following scheme by the name "Assam Migrant Workers' Food Security Scheme" in order to provide relief in the form of dry ration to the migrant workers of the State during periods of lockdown, restrictions etc. due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Background:

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our country and all parts of the world in unprecedented scale and severity. The devastating effects of the pandemic continue to impact the life and livelihood of people across the globe. While the pandemic has affected all sections of the population and all sectors of business in our country as well as the State, one of the groups severely affected by the pandemic was the migrant workers of the country and the State of Assam. The plight and distress of the migrant workers became vivid during the nation-wide lockdown which was declared on 24.03.2020 to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. There was massive exodus of workers to their native places from important metropolitan cities mainly due to cessation of employment/work due to lockdown and fear of the pandemic.

The loss of employment resulted in acute financial crisis to the migrant workers, particularly those who are daily wage earners. The need for a scheme to provide relief focused solely on the migrant workers of the State of Assam arose out of such distressed conditions faced by the migrant workers during the hard times.

Considering the above, a scheme for migrant workers, viz, "Assam Migrant Workers' Food Security Scheme" is being formulated which primarily aims at provision of dry ration during emergent situations such as lockdown, restrictions during COVID-19 pandemic.

1. **Name of the Scheme:** The Scheme will be known as the "Assam Migrant Workers' Food Security Scheme" during times of crisis.

2. **Objective:**

Provision of dry ration to migrant workers during emergency times.

The Scheme envisages to provide relief to migrant workers in the form of dry ration in emergency times like the recent lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The various steps to be undertaken for propagation of the scheme are enumerated below:-

3. **Operation of the Scheme:**

(i) **Data Collection:** Data of such migrant workers will be primarily collected through the e-SHRAM portal. The process of registration in the portal has been going on continuously and migrant workers have also registered themselves in the same. On an average, there is a registration of around 4-5% of migrant workers in e-SHRAM. This data will be instrumental in propagation of the scheme at emergency situations. It is to be noted that the data is dynamic and changes by the day.

(ii) **Distribution of Dry Ration:** The distribution of dry ration to the migrant workers under the scheme will be done by the respective District Administration in the same manner as done in distribution of relief during flood and other calamities. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority will be responsible for distribution of such dry ration through this Scheme as and when the need arises. The District Level Officers under the Commissionerate of Labour will ensure data collection from e-SHRAM portal and other available source and provide the same to the Deputy Commissioner for distribution of dry ration under the scheme whenever the need arises.

A comprehensive report on the quantum of relief materials distributed through this scheme will be submitted by the District Administration to the Labour Commissioner, Assam along with necessary intimation to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority as and when such relief measures are undertaken.

(iii) **Amount of Dry Ration:** The dry ration to be distributed is specified as follows:-

As per Assam Disaster Management Manual 2015, the quantum of dry ration to be provided per worker is as below:-

- Food grain (Rice) – 600 gms per day
- Dal – 100 gms per day
- Salt – 30 gms per day
- Mustard Oil – 30 ml per day

(Sd/- Dr. J.B. Ekka, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Labour Welfare Department

Dated Dispur, 22nd November, 2021.

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Copy to :-

1. The P.P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati- 6, for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Labour Welfare, Assam, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati- 6, for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
3. S.O. to the Chief Secretary, Assam for information and his kind appraisal.
4. The P.S. to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Food & Civil Supplies Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati- 6, for kind appraisal of the Principal Secretary.
5. The P.S. to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati- 6, for kind appraisal of the Principal Secretary.
6. The P.S. to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Labour Welfare Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati- 6, for kind appraisal of the Principal Secretary.
7. The Labour Commissioner, Assam, Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati-16 for information and necessary action.
8. P.S. to the Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for his kind appraisal.
9. All the Deputy Commissioners for information and necessary action.

By order etc

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Labour Welfare Department