Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Finance Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

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Subject: Relief Measures in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the economic hardships faced by the vulnerable segments of the society due to ongoing lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 in J&K, following measures shall be undertaken immediately:

Assistance to Self Help Groups:
(i) Self Help Groups under UMEED: 30000 SHGs under UMEED shall be provided financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh per SHG. Rs. 25000 shall be paid upfront while the remaining amount shall be paid in the following years. (Action by: Rural Development Department)

(ii) Women Self Help Groups/Aggregators: 10000 women SHGs shall be extended assistance of Rs 1 lakh per SHG. This would largely cater to the household industries. Rs. 25000 shall be paid upfront while Rs. 75000 shall be disbursed in the subsequent years. (Action by: Social Welfare Department/WDC)

(iii) Handloom/Handicrafts Sectors: 20000 SHGs in the Handloom and Handicrafts sectors, which are not bank linked, shall be provided financial support of Rs. 1 lakh per SHG. The assistance shall be provided over two years. (Action by: I&C Department)

Income Support Measures:
(i) Construction Workers: 1.76 lakh registered construction workers, each of whom has already been paid an assistance of Rs. 1000 for livelihood support, shall be further paid Rs. 1000 PM for two more months. (Action by: Labour & Employment Department)

(ii) Houseboats and Shikarawalas: A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for a period of three months shall be provided to the Houseboat Owners/ Shikarawalas, who are registered with Tourism Department. (Action by: Tourism Department)

(iii) TouristGuides/Pithuwalas/Ponywalas/Palkiwalas: A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for three months shall be provided to the Tourist Guides/Pithuwalas/Palkiwalas/Ponywalas registered with the
Tourism Department/SMVDSB/SASB. (Action by: Tourism Department/SMVDSB/SASB)

(iv) Flower Growers: A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for three months shall be provided to the registered active flower growers in J&K. (Action by: Floriculture Department)

(v) Street Vendors (Rehariwalas/Phadiwalas/Thelawalas): A sum of Rs. 1000 PM for three months shall be given to the street vendors, who are registered with the Jammu Municipal Corporation and Srinagar Municipal Corporation. (Action by: Housing & Urban Development Department)

Measures for Commercial Establishments:

(i) All registration certificates for licenses, permits and statutory clearances under the existing laws of the UT of J&K, which have expired/lapsed/invalidated on 31.3.2020 and have not been renewed/validated in the intervening period, shall be deemed to have been renewed/extended/validated up to 30.6.2020. (Action by: All Departments)

(ii) The levy of fixed charges of the electricity tariff, as per the erstwhile J&K SERC Tariff Order for the year 2016-17 in respect of all the registered commercial establishments across all the sectors in the UT of J&K shall be deferred till 30.6.2020. (Action by: PDD Department)

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