

# Uttar Pradesh govt sanctions Rs 4,000 crore for unorganised sector workers

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LUCKNOW: The focus was on the poor and deprived as UP government presented its second supplementary budget of the financial year. Out of the total size of Rs 8,749 crore, unorganized sector workers alone have been allocated Rs 4,000 crore.

Later, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said that the government had decided to give these workers a monthly allowance of Rs 500 per month for four months.

Besides, the Yogi government also increased the social pension from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000. This will benefit around 1 crore pensioners. Similarly, honorarium of Rs 10,000 given to Shiksha Mitras has been increased to Rs

12,000.

Finance and parliamentary affairs minister Suresh Khanna also tabled the vote on account for the first four months of the next fiscal worth over Rs 1.68 lakh crore amid protest by the Opposition benches who insisted on holding a discussion on the SIT report on Lakhimpur incident and demanded sacking of Union minister of state for home, Ajay Kumar Misra 'Teni'.

After presenting the budget, Khanna read out the agenda after which Speaker Hriday Narain Dixit adjourned the House initially for 30 minutes, which was later extended by nearly 75 minutes as Opposition members stood in the well of the House and continued to raise slogans.

The government allocated Rs 670 crore in the supplementary budget for increasing the monthly pension of physically challenged, farmers and elderly. The supplementary budget also has provision of Rs 10 crore for felicitation of prominent personalities with UP Gaurav Samman.

Similarly, the Yogi government allocated Rs 10 crore for sports personalities. A few days after the Prime Minister inaugurated Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor, the Yogi government has allocated another Rs 10 crore for the construction of a road alongside the Ganga leading to Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor.

The supplementary budget also has a provision of Rs 1,000 crore for UP Power Corporation Limited. Besides, additional Rs 185 crore has been earmarked for 'Har Ghar Bijli Yojana' (electricity to every house).

The UP government also allocated a budget to the Information Department entrusted with the responsibility of publicizing its work. A provision of Rs 150 crore has been made for the purpose.

The voting on the supplementary budget is expected to be held on Friday.