

# UP to give Rs 1,000 maintenance allowance to 1.5 crore workers

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LUCKNOW: To provide relief to the poor suffering from economic slowdown due to coronavirus pandemic, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will provide a maintenance allowance to the tune of Rs 1,500 crore to 1.5 crore labourers and construction workers, on Monday.

The government will provide two-month allowance of Rs 1,000 to workers to tide over the financial crisis. There are 5,09,08,745 registered workers in the state out of whom, the number of unorganized workers registered on the e-SHRAM portal are 3,81,60,725. The total number of workers registered under BOCW Board are 1,27,48,020.

In the first phase, maintenance allowance will be sent to the bank accounts of nearly two crore workers, small shopkeepers, daily wage labourers, rickshaw/e-rickshaw pullers, porters, barbers, washermen, cobblers and confectioners.

A government spokesman said even during the first wave of the pandemic, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and helped the deprived sections of the society and the process continued in the second phase.

"The workers in the organized sector were provided maintenance allowance twice and workers in the unorganized sector once. Along with this, ration was made available twice a month, once through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and through the Public Distribution System, eliminating the ration card obligation," he added.

"In the last four and half years, the Yogi government has reached out to the poorest of the poor. Free ration distribution through PDS is a major step in this direction," he added.