

Press Release

Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam

Fight against COVID-19

Special Package under PMGKY

P & RD releases financial assistance to 8,51,642 beneficiaries through DBT

Guwahati, April 22: Panchayat and Rural Development Department in Govt of Assam has released 1st instalment of ex-gratia @ Rs 500/- each to 8,51,642 beneficiaries today. This financial assistance is provided under the special package of the Government of India, rolled out under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) to help the vulnerable section of people in view of nationwide lockdown called to prevent the pandemic of Covid-19.

Naba Kr Doley, Minister, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, has personally been monitoring the disbursement process.

It may be mentioned here that under this assistance programme Rs.1000/- each will be paid in two instalments @ Rs.500/-. For this, the beneficiaries of Old Age Pension, Widow Pension and Disabled Pension under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) will be covered. Under this package, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 4204.93 lacs. With this amount, first instalment of Rs 500/- each is disbursed to the beneficiaries' account through DBT. Out of these beneficiaries, 7,05,022 are old age pensioners, 1,12,040 are widow pensioners and 34,580 beneficiaries are under disabled pension scheme.

MRD/22-04-2020