

Chief Minister Writes Letter to Prime Minister On Corona Crisis

Weaker Sections and Industries Should Get Relief at This Hour of Crisis

Jaipur, March 22. Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has requested Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to provide relief to tourism and hotel business and other MSME units that are affected due to Coronavirus besides providing food and social security to the weaker sections of the society.

Demanded Relief Package for 29 Lakh Needy Families

Chief Minister in his letter said that approximately 23 lakh construction labourers, 5 lakh registered factory workers and around one lakh street vendors in urban areas of the State are facing employment crisis due the Coronavirus infection. The Central Government should announce relief package for these people so that this section could earn its livelihood, he wrote.

Should Get Food Security and Unemployment Allowance

Chief Minister said that at this time of crisis, the food security beneficiaries require the maximum support, as they lead their life on daily wages. To ensure food security to this weaker section, food security beneficiaries should be given free wheat for next four months. Registered construction labourers and street vendors who do not fall under National Food Security Act should also be given free wheat under food security. He said that MGNREGs workers cannot reach the workplace due to social distancing, so the Government of India should provide unemployment allowance under this Act.

Industries Should Get Concession in GST

Shri Gehlot said the Central Government should either give concession in payment of GST to tourism, hotel and other MSME Units or postpone its collection. Along with, should re-fix the installments of Bank loans; take decision to give concession in payment of Income Tax or to postpone it so as to provide support to the industries. In the letter, Chief Minister apprised the Prime Minister that the State Government has announced economic package of reimbursing SGST of the first quarter of the forthcoming financial year to hotel and tourism industry and also given concession on annual excise fee.

Rajasthan Took Steps to Stop Spreading of Infection

Shri Gehlot said that the State Government has taken all important measures to stop spreading of infection. "Our Government discussed with all political parties, religious leaders and NGOs to seek their help. Looking to the importance of Social Distancing, the government took big decision of Lock Down till March 31. It has been appealed not to remove the employees from service and not to deduct their wages

during the Lockdown period. Along with, we have decided to pay pension to more than 78 lakh beneficiaries of social security pension scheme in first week of April,” he said.

Chief Minister assured the Centre for the complete support of the State Government in collective fight against COVID-19. He said, “With the help of the Central Government, we will be able to succeed in overcoming the social and economic crisis caused due to this epidemic.”
