



*Government of Puducherry*  
*Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat*

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Hon'ble Lt Governor Puducherry had accorded approval and expenditure sanction of ₹54 Cr on 4.12.2020 to deposit.

(i) ₹1900 into the bank account of 1.75 lakh BPL families and

(ii) ₹1000 into the bank account of 1.50 lakh APL families in lieu of free rice for 3 months under the UT run Scheme of free distribution of food grains

The Civil Supplies department has already released ₹2200 to each one of the BPL families. However it has been brought of HLG that there is delay in releasing benefit to the APL families as the Civil Supplies department is in the process of eliminating Income Tax payees, GST assesses and central Govt employees from getting benefit.

HLG has now directed CS to coordinate with concerned authorities and establishments of central Govt and obtain the required details and update the APL families within 8 weeks.

In the meanwhile in order to avoid any further delays, HLG had directed the Civil Supplies Department to immediately release ₹1000 to each of the APL card holders as per the available data.

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