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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

WELFARE BENEFITS ACT, NO. 24 OF 2002

BY virtue of powers vested in me under the Section 09 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No.24 of 2002, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do hereby declare the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme mentioned in the following schedules, effective from 01st July 2023.

21st Day of April 2023.

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and
National Policies.

Schedule I

ASWESUMA WELFARE BENEFIT PAYMENT SCHEME FOR BENEFICIARIES

Social group receiving welfare benefits payments		Number of Welfare Beneficiaries/ Families	Proposed Monthly Welfare Allowance per Family Unit (Rs.)*
(i)	Transitional Up to 31 st December 2023	400,000	2,500
(ii)	Vulnerable Up to 31 st March 2024	400,000	5,000



Social group receiving welfare benefits payments		Number of Welfare Beneficiaries/ Families	Proposed Monthly Welfare Allowance per Family Unit (Rs.)*
(iii)	Poor For 03 years from 01 st July 2023	800,000	8,500
(iv)	Severely Poor For 03 years from 01 st July 2023	400,000	15,000

* **Note** - In a case where the number of members in a family unit is two or less than two members, only a half of the above allowance shall be paid.

Schedule II

Payments for differently-abled persons, chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology (CKDu), elderly beneficiaries

Social category receiving welfare benefits		number of current beneficiaries	Approximate Number of persons belonging to the family unit ** (3)	Monthly Welfare Benefit Allowance (Rs.) (4)
(1)		(2)		
(i)	Persons with disabilities receiving support	72,000	21,000	5,000
(ii)	People receiving renal support	39,150	19,500	5,000
(iii)	people receiving Elderly support	416,667	250,000	2,000

** **Note** - When payments are made, the allowance mentioned in column (4) of the Schedule II shall also be added to the allowance entitled to that under Schedule I, as the persons belonging to the family unit entitled to the benefits mentioned in column (3) of Schedule II are also included in a family unit receiving the benefits mentioned in Schedule I above,

The benefits mentioned in Schedule II shall be given for a period of one year and, after reviewing the eligibility, it will be arranged to continue those benefits.

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