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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

WELFARE BENEFITS ACT, No. 24 OF 2002

BY virtue of powers vested in me by Section 09 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002, I, Anura Kumara Disanayake, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do hereby declare the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme as specified in the following schedules shall come into force with effect from the date on which the approval of Parliament of this payment scheme.

The Notification published in *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2384/30 dated 17.05.2024 is hereby rescinded.

ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE

Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

December 20th, 2024



Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme

Schedule I

Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme from January 2025

	Social Segment to receive the Welfare Benefits Payments	Period of payment	Number of Welfare Beneficiaries/ Families *	Proposed Monthly Welfare Allowance per Family Unit (Rs.)**
I	Transitional	From January 2025 to March 2025, inclusive of both months	480,000	5,000
II	Vulnerable	From January 2025 to December 2025, inclusive of both months	480,000	5,000
III	Poor	From January 2025 to June 2026, inclusive of both months	960,000	10,000
IV	Extremely Poor	From January 2025 to June 2026, inclusive of both months	480,000	17,500

* **Note** - These figures may subject to slight changes on the basis of estimating the beneficiary families.

** **Note** - In case where the number of family members stands at 02 or less than 02, only a half of the aforementioned allowance shall be paid to the beneficiaries.

Schedule II

Payments to be made in respect of differently-abled persons, patients of chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology (CKDU), and recipients of the monthly allowance granted for elderly citizens

<i>Social Segment to receive the Welfare Benefits</i>		<i>Projected Number of individuals to be eligible for welfare benefits</i>	<i>Monthly Welfare Benefit Allowance (Rs.)</i>
(i)	Differently-abled persons receiving the aid	410,000	7,500
(ii)	Recipients of CKDU Allowance	50,000	7,500
(iii)	Recipients of the monthly allowance granted for elderly citizens	820,000	3,000

Note - Payments specified in the Schedule II shall be paid from January 2025 to June 2025, inclusive of both months. The payments in respect of the beneficiaries identified through the welfare beneficiary list shall be paid through Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme effective from January 2025, inclusive of the said month.

Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme published in the *Gazette* Notification No. 2384/30 dated May 17, 2024 is hereby rescinded and however, such payments related to Schedule I and Schedule II shall be made up to 31.12.2024 with respect to the beneficiaries whose payments have been delayed due to various reasons and to the applicants who will subsequently be entitled for this scheme upon their eligibility for selection from those who have already forwarded their appeals and investigations are still underway.

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