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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 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The Notification published in Extraordinary *Gazette* No. 2415/66 dated 21.12.2024 is hereby rescinded.

ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance, Planning and
Economic Development.

March 24, 2025.



Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme

Schedule I

Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme

	<i>Social Segment to receive the Welfare Benefits Payments</i>	<i>Period of Payment</i>	<i>Number of Welfare Beneficiaries/ Families *</i>	<i>Proposed Monthly Welfare Allowance per Family Unit (Rs.)**</i>
I.	Transitional	For the month of April 2025	480,000	5,000
II.	Vulnerable	Up to December 2025	480,000	5,000
III.	Poor	Up to June 2026	960,000	10,000
IV.	Extremely Poor	Up to June 2026	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 Persons with disabilities, 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)	Persons with disabilities receiving the aid	310,000	10,000
(ii)	Recipients of CKDU Allowance	50,000	10,000
(iii)	Recipients of the monthly allowance granted for elderly citizens	1,000,000	5,000

Note - Payments specified in the Schedule II shall be paid up to 31st December 2025. However, from 30th April 2025, beneficiaries mentioned in the Schedule II who are not receiving transitional payments mentioned in the Schedule I shall be entitled to receive payments under the Schedule II. The payments, for beneficiaries identified through the welfare beneficiary list, shall be made under that scheme.

The Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme, published in Extraordinary *Gazette* Notification No. 2415/66 dated December 21, 2024, is hereby rescinded, however, payments related to Schedule I and Schedule II shall be made 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 in accordance with the applicable Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme in force at that time, notwithstanding the cancellation of the said *Gazette* notifications.

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