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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The Notification published in Extraordinary *Gazette* No. 2429/02 dated 24.03.2025 is hereby rescinded.

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

December 12th, 2025.



Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme

Schedule I

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.	Vulnerable	From January 2026 to June 2026, inclusive of both months	480,000	5,000
II.	Poor	From January 2026 to June 2027, inclusive of both months	960,000	10,000
III.	Extremely Poor	From January 2026 to June 2027, 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 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	200,000	10,000
(ii)	Recipients of CKDU Allowance	70,000	10,000
(iii)	Recipients of the monthly allowance granted for elderly citizens	1,000,000	5,000

Note - (i) Payments specified under Schedule II shall be paid up to 31st December 2026. However, although the beneficiaries who received the payments categorized in transitional group under Schedule I of the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2429/02, dated 24th March 2025, do not receive those same payments under this Gazette, they shall be entitled to receive the payments specified under Schedule II. The payments, for the beneficiaries identified through the welfare beneficiary registry, shall be made under that scheme.

(ii) Furthermore, when making the payments under Schedule II, beneficiaries who are currently receiving payments and are registered with the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities and the Secretariat for Elders, although not registered in the Social Welfare Beneficiary Registry, shall also be entitled to receive the said payment through this social welfare benefits payment scheme.

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