



Delayed and Denied: Injustice in COVID-19 Relief Madhya Pradesh Factsheet



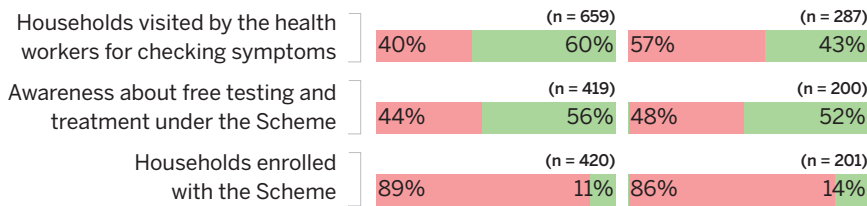
How well are COVID-19 related entitlements announced by the Central Government, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyaan Yojana, reaching the poor and the marginalised? An assessment of the extent of realisation of key entitlements of the relief package across 25,032 Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe households in India, by the National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR).



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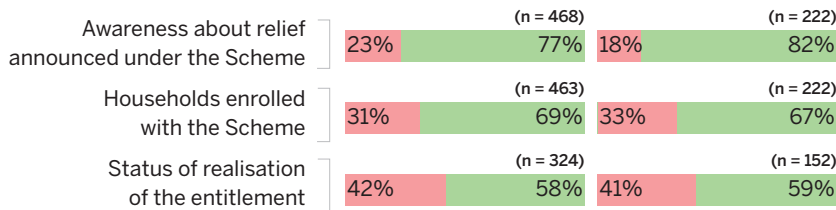
SC respondents **ST respondents**

Ayushman Bharat: Free testing and treatment for COVID19



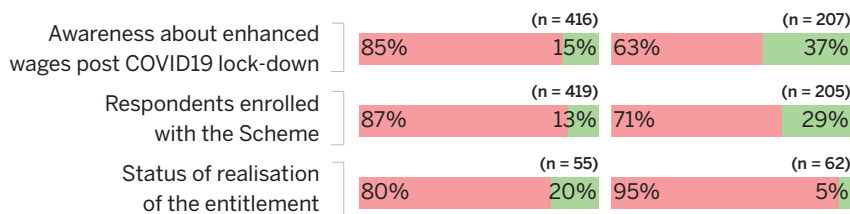
The scheme provides Rs. 5 lakh insurance cover to the poor, especially those determined by the Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011. The assessment found a high proportion of the SC and ST households were not visited by health-care workers. Further, the awareness among the majority about free COVID19 testing and treatment under Ayushman Bharat Scheme is rendered futile by the measly coverage of the SC and ST households under the scheme.

Ujjwala Yojana: Free gas cylinders for 3-months



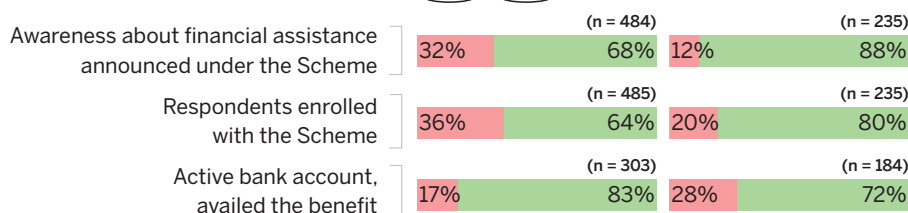
The scheme was launched in 2016 for women of Below Poverty Line families, to safeguard their health by providing them with clean cooking fuel (LPG). The assessment shows good awareness and coverage, with satisfactory realisation of entitlements by the SCs and STs. Yet, a significant proportion of households are still not registered with the scheme and therefore, not eligible to receive the benefits in critical times of pandemic-induced livelihood loss.

MGNREGS: Enhanced wages



Under the COVID-19 Relief Package, the Central Government announced enhanced MGNREGS wages by Rs 20 from April 1, 2020, making it Rs 202 per day. The assessment reveals a high level of ignorance among the SCs and STs about this increase, coupled with a very small number of households registered with the MGNREGS, and almost equivalent low proportion of the members who secured the entitlement.

Jan Dhan Yojana: Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 500 for women

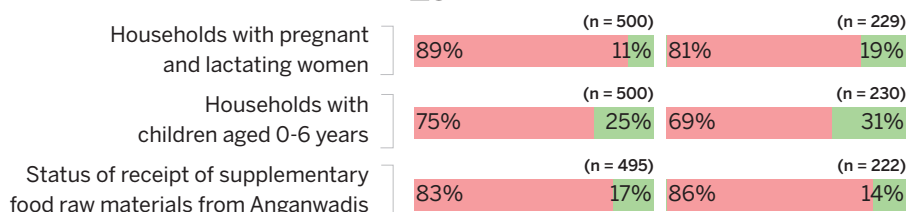


The scheme was launched in 2014 to ensure financial inclusion of the poor, with zero-balance bank accounts. In COVID, direct transfer of Rs 500 was announced for women account holders. The assessment shows that most of the surveyed SC and ST households were aware about the monetary assistance announced, followed by an acceptable coverage and extent of realisation of the entitlement. The state seemingly delivered well on the Scheme.

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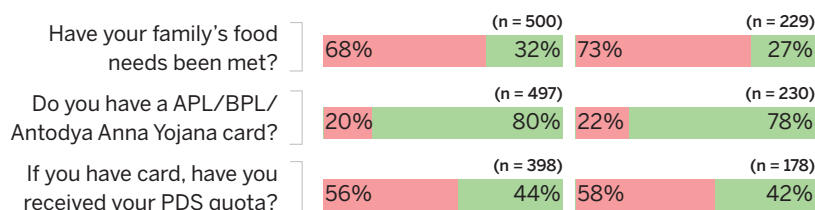
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ICDS: Home delivery of raw material



The COVID-19 Package provided for the delivery of raw supplementary food material by Anganwadi workers to households with pregnant / lactating women and children aged 0-6 years. Overall, of the few ICDS registered SC and ST households, a tiny number had doorstep delivery of ICDS provisions. Needless to mention that as per the NFHS-IV data for the State, children of women belonging to SCs and STs have higher rates of infant mortality than any other social group.

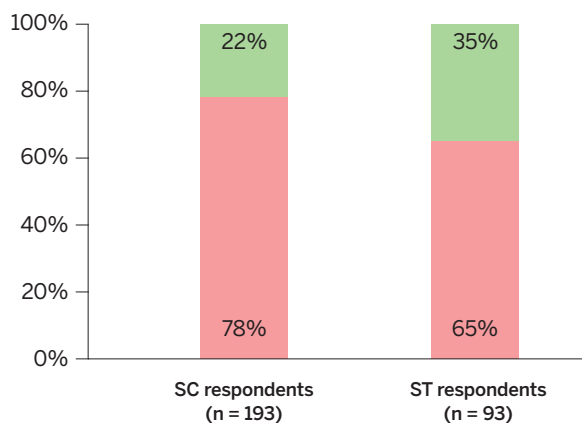
Public Distribution Scheme: Additional /free food-grains



The COVID19 Package included free 5kg cereal and 1 kg pulses from April to June through the Public Distribution System for ration card holders. The assessment shows that less than half of both SC and ST households received rations. A plain majority reportedly received only a partial quota, with a massive proportion reporting poor quality of food-grains received. Hence, a big number of surveyed households said their food needs were not fully satisfied.

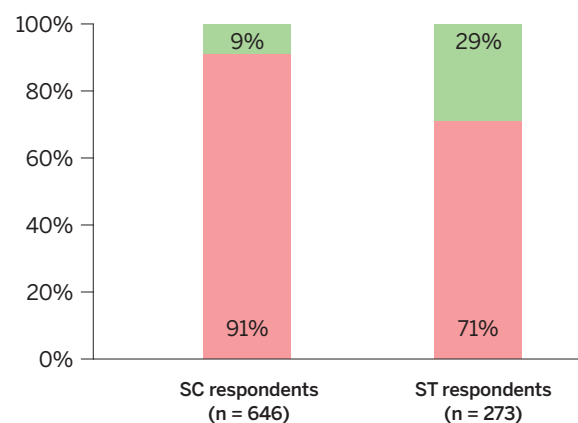
How much of your PDS quota have you received?

■ Partial ■ Full



Is the quality of ration/food distributed good?

■ Poor ■ Good



Methodology: The NCDHR is conducting a phase-wise inclusion assessment of the awareness, enrolment, and the extent of realisation of COVID related national and state relief entitlements announced by the Central Government, by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes across the states in India. The process aims to enable greater inclusion and realisation of the social protection schemes by the SC and ST communities to enhance their capacity to cope with the pandemic. This is done by sharing real-time information and appeals with the district and state authorities for urgent action. Conducted on a mobile app by a network of local partners and hundreds of volunteers, the first phase of the survey was conducted from April 16-May 25, 2020.

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