

→ The centre for monitoring the Indian Economy (CMIE) has released a report stating that 14% of the working population have lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic. The government should provide immediate relief through MGNREGA.

WAYS TO SCALE UP RELIEF:-

1. MSMES - About 6 crore MSMEs are operating in India and their livelihood is largely based on daily wages & work. These MSMEs should be provided incentives for the time being.

2. MIGRANT WORKERS - The Govt. should open free kitchens in schools, anganwadi's and panchayat houses without ID requirements to feed the migrant workers.

3. INFORMAL WORKERS : - Nearly 93% of workers are informal and they should be rendered financial aid through policies like Jan Dhan, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan, PM Kisan etc.

4. STRENGTHENING POLICIES

Policies like Calamity Fund (for money transfer), Brazil's Bolsa Familia programme (credit policy) and leakproof