

Discuss the various ways in which the government can scale up the existing fiscal relief package and sustenance for the poor (200 words)

→ "Projections of growth and inflation would be heavily contingent on the intensity, spread and duration of COVID-19"
- Shaktikanta Das (RBI governor)

Due to the 21 days lockdown the whole economy has come to a standstill. In response the government has announced a relief package of 1.75 billion rupees last month to finance the poor and needy.

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⇒ Recently the State Bank of India has stated that 37.3 crore workers in India are self employed and these people have encountered a loss of ₹ 4.05 lakh crores during the lockdown.

⇒ So, the relief package of the government should amount to a considerably greater amount than this figure.