

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF WEST PAKISTANI REFUGEES (WPRs)

West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) are those who migrated from areas in the West Pakistan in the wake of partition in the year 1947 and settled in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, mainly in Jammu, Kathua and Rajouri districts of Jammu Division.

In order to reduce the hardships of WPRs, the Ministry of Home Affairs approved a rehabilitation package similar to the package implemented for the displaced persons families of POJK (1947) & Chhamb (1965 & 1971). It enabled the WPR families living in J&K to run small business/self-employment venture or which can provide the families some assured and sustained earnings. Accordingly, the scheme for providing one-time financial assistance of Rs.5.5 lakh per family of WPR families was implemented on 13.06.2018.

The Government of UT of J&K collects the relevant details of eligible beneficiaries, authenticates them and uploads the details in the PFMS module for subsequent disbursement by MHA. Since inception of the scheme (2018), this Ministry has disbursed a total amount of Rs. 106.58 Cr. to 4,542 beneficiaries up to 26.11.2025

The said scheme was further extended to 31.03.2026 with approval of the competent authority of this Ministry within the approved outlay.