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**Budget Circular No. 08/2025 (iii)**

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**Program for Empowering the People Affected by the Disaster**

This circular is issued with the objective of providing further relief extensively to enterprises disrupted by the disaster, in order to improve the living conditions of people affected by the disaster more effectively through the empowerment program proposed by the Budget Circular No. 08/2025 dated 2025-12-05 and its related amended circulars, aimed at restoring the lives of the people affected by the emergency disaster situation arisen from the adverse weather conditions.

02. Accordingly, the following clarifications and amendments are included to implement the provision of allowances specified under Serial No. 8 of the table in Budget Circular No. 08/2025 more efficiently and effectively:

Serial No.	Relief	Allowance
8	Payment of one-time allowance to restore the disaster-affected enterprises to a condition suitable for recommencing operations.	
8.1	For individual, small and micro enterprises registered with the Ministry of Industry	Rs. 200,000/- per unit
8.2	For individual, small and micro enterprises holding a business registration with the respective Divisional Secretariats	Rs. 200,000/- per unit
8.3	For unregistered trading businesses conducted within the permanent building at a domestic premises.	Rs. 50,000/- per unit
8.4	For unregistered manufacturing industries and greenhouses etc.	Rs. 50,000/- per unit
8.5	For temporary trades, including pavement and mobile trading.	Rs. 25,000/- per unit

03. In this context, only one allowance can be obtained **per business unit** under the categories specified in 8.1 and 8.2.

04. If a **beneficiary** qualifies for several allowances under categories 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5 above, only one allowance under one of those categories shall be granted. The necessary provisions will be provided to the Ministry of Defence under Expenditure Head 103, and payments will be made through the Divisional Secretariats.

05. All other provisions stipulated in Budget Circular No. 08/2025 and 08/2025(i) shall remain unchanged.

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