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Set guidelines to disburse funds, speaker tells govt

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Bengaluru: Assembly speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri on Thursday asked the state government to lay down clear cut guidelines to disburse the one-time aid of Rs 5,000 each to auto and cab drivers. The aid was announced in April, but thousands of drivers have not received the benefit yet.

DOLE FOR DRIVERS

Kageri made the suggestion during a debate on a supplementary funds request of Rs 4,008 crore tabled by chief minister BS Yediyurappa. Leader of opposition Siddaramaiah accused the government of failing to provide timely financial assistance to

all auto and cab drivers and demanded data on the number of people who had received the dole. The April announcement was part of a larger package for workforces which suffered during the lockdown.

Siddaramaiah said the government failed to keep its promise and there was no clarity about the criteria to identify beneficiaries. Law and parliamentary affairs minister JC Madhuswamy said the government intended to cover 7.75 lakh drivers under the scheme and had received 4.4 lakh applications. Aid has been given to 2.1 lakh drivers. Kageri asked the government to improve the system. "Opposition leaders have a point. There seems to be ambiguity about identifying the beneficiary; it should be rectified," he said.