

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023**

DECREASE IN AVERAGE DAILY WAGES

1364. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that average daily wages, per person, in the country is decreasing amid inflation and due to decline in number of people availing jobs under MGNREGA Scheme year-on-year, if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (b) the amount of average daily wages, per person, of agricultural and non-agricultural labourers, respectively, State/UT-wise and year-wise, since 2018?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) & (b): Labour Bureau has been compiling and maintaining average daily wage rate data in respect of selected agricultural and non-agricultural occupations on the basis of the data collected by the Field Operations Division (FOD) of National Statistical Office (NSO) from a fixed set of 600 sample villages spread over 20 States. The nominal average daily wage rates for general agricultural labourers and non-agricultural labourers for the period from 2018 to 2022 show an increasing trend. The details are as under:

| Year | Nominal Wage (in Rs.) | |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | General Agricultural Labourers | Non- agricultural Labourers |
| 2018 | 274.96 | 282.04 |
| 2019 | 284.38 | 291.87 |
| 2020 | 304.40 | 310.19 |
| 2021 | 318.74 | 321.81 |
| 2022 | 339.59 | 343.10 |

The Annual State-wise calendar year average daily wage rates (in Rs.) for the period 2018 to 2022 in respect of general agricultural labourers and non-agricultural labourers are annexed.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1364 for 14.12.2023 raised by Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha regarding Decrease in average daily wages.

The Annual State-wise calendar year average daily wage rates (in Rs.) for the period 2018 to 2022 in respect of general agricultural labourers and non-agricultural labourers are given below:

| State/UT | 2018 | | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | General Agricultural Labourers | Non-agricultural Labourers | General Agricultural Labourers | Non-agricultural Labourers | General Agricultural Labourers | Non-agricultural Labourers | General Agricultural Labourers | Non-agricultural Labourers | General Agricultural Labourers | Non-agricultural Labourers |
| AP | 277.43 | 263.50 | 298.05 | 288.38 | 315.24 | 300.84 | 333.04 | 329.04 | 371.20 | 363.69 |
| Assam | 246.18 | 257.43 | 250.83 | 261.07 | 266.12 | 290.27 | 298.47 | 301.13 | 338.66 | 328.33 |
| Bihar | 235.94 | 247.78 | 254.11 | 262.52 | 268.33 | 285.67 | 285.86 | 295.33 | 304.34 | 310.34 |
| Gujrat | 195.60 | 222.40 | 207.39 | 231.75 | 211.35 | 238.75 | 218.43 | 248.47 | 235.44 | 267.28 |
| Haryana | 380.17 | 358.36 | 397.38 | 374.94 | 383.20 | 382.28 | 389.76 | 399.63 | 416.50 | 442.68 |
| HP | 382.45 | 334.28 | 414.11 | 342.06 | 421.67 | 344.18 | 444.72 | 371.26 | 473.33 | 416.19 |
| J&K | 441.88 | 427.17 | 445.84 | 451.02 | 489.31 | 471.57 | 519.19 | 497.76 | 544.77 | 513.63 |
| Karnataka | 285.64 | 256.23 | 291.00 | 264.43 | 305.45 | 272.13 | 326.92 | 290.03 | 367.02 | 329.94 |
| Kerala | 676.79 | 650.28 | 698.21 | 668.70 | 703.98 | 675.50 | 718.15 | 678.65 | 755.36 | 693.49 |
| MP | 195.82 | 201.32 | 197.50 | 204.71 | 214.09 | 228.26 | 214.80 | 225.46 | 227.70 | 244.89 |
| Maharashtra | 210.56 | 229.09 | 226.89 | 237.36 | 256.87 | 253.72 | 280.46 | 275.25 | 298.29 | 289.22 |
| Meghalaya | 228.20 | 212.50 | 231.25 | 216.15 | 229.88 | 215.02 | 315.67 | 280.50 | 326.83 | 296.69 |
| Odisha | 226.00 | 226.27 | 230.88 | 237.62 | 246.36 | 260.91 | 267.96 | 282.92 | 280.27 | 293.53 |
| Punjab | 333.36 | 314.52 | 348.16 | 331.92 | 352.45 | 337.85 | 367.02 | 354.05 | 390.10 | 371.68 |
| Rajasthan | 289.98 | 310.46 | 297.29 | 315.10 | 313.22 | 320.97 | 354.97 | 338.15 | 361.88 | 348.63 |
| Tamil Nadu | 397.83 | 412.00 | 405.76 | 432.67 | 426.90 | 447.34 | 442.30 | 455.60 | 464.36 | 479.66 |
| Tripura | 270.00 | 250.00 | 270.00 | 250.00 | 270.00 | 250.00 | 270.00 | 250.00 | 286.81 | 265.28 |
| UP | 242.63 | 257.38 | 255.06 | 269.66 | 271.08 | 283.02 | 284.89 | 297.99 | 302.25 | 318.24 |
| West Bengal | 262.24 | 286.14 | 265.87 | 289.87 | 282.14 | 302.10 | 301.44 | 315.87 | 318.01 | 333.16 |

Note: In respect of Manipur, the number of quotations are less than five and hence averages are not worked out.
