

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 452**  
ANSWERED ON 30/11/2021

**GROWTH IN RURAL WAGES**

452. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth in rural wages, after adjusting for inflation since January, 2014, month-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is of the opinion that current rural wage rates are adequate enough to maintain a rural household;
- (c) if so, the reasons thereto; and
- (d) if not, the measures being taken by the Government to increase rural wages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): As per the information shared by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Labour Bureau compiles and maintains average daily wage rate data in respect of selected agricultural and non-agricultural occupations on the basis of the data collected by the Field Operation Division (FOD) of National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation from a fixed set of 600 sample villages spread over 20 States.

Month-wise average daily wage rate in respect of Non Agricultural Occupation along with Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourer (CPI-RL) from January 2014 to September, 2021 is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (d): As per section 6(1) of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), the Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for unskilled work for its beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Ministry of Rural Development notifies wage rate under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA every financial year for States/UTs. To compensate the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) workers against inflation, the Ministry of Rural Development revises the wage rates every financial year based on Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourer (CPI-AL). The wage rate is made applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April of each financial year.

State/UT-wise notified wage rates for unskilled worker under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the financial years from 2014-15 to 2021-22 is given at **Annexure-II**.

**Annexure-I referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 452 dated 30.11.2021**

Month-wise average daily notified wage rates in respect of Non Agricultural Occupation along with Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourer (CPI-RL) from January 2014 to September, 2021

Year	Month	Wage Rate	CPI-RL	Year	Month	Wage Rate	CPI-RL
2014	January	234.08	759	2018	January	277.31	901
	February	234.39	759		February	278.03	896
	March	232.69	765		March	278.94	894
	April	233.21	773		April	279.20	896
	May	232.41	780		May	279.82	899
	June	233.63	787		June	280.92	902
	July	234.45	801		July	282.05	910
	August	236.28	810		August	284.49	915
	September	237.20	813		September	285.20	917
	October	238.69	815		October	285.24	920
	November	238.36	816		November	286.00	921
	December	240.70	810		December	287.27	921
2015	January	241.32	808	2019	January	288.71	923
	February	242.77	806		February	288.95	925
	March	243.46	807		March	289.43	932
	April	243.78	809		April	289.96	939
	May	245.33	816		May	291.20	948
	June	245.65	824		June	291.82	957
	July	248.27	827		July	292.08	965
	August	249.57	836		August	293.22	972
	September	250.65	843		September	293.29	983
	October	249.26	853		October	294.09	993
	November	250.19	857		November	294.62	1006
	December	251.63	857		December	295.03	1019
2016	January	253.79	854	2020	January	296.63	1021
	February	253.52	849		February	297.29	1016
	March	254.53	848		March	297.25	1013
	April	254.75	854		*April	-	1019
	May	254.79	866		May	319.47	1025
	June	255.70	874		June	319.23	1024
	July	256.78	881		July	320.99	1028
	August	258.33	881		August	316.04	1033
	September	261.89	877		September	310.88	1043
	October	263.15	881		October	311.37	1057
	November	263.70	883		November	311.01	1065
	December	264.50	881		December	311.92	1053
2017	January	266.38	876	2021	January	313.69	1045
	February	267.67	874		February	316.00	1044
	March	268.23	872		March	317.62	1043
	April	268.89	876		April	318.43	1049
	May	269.05	878		May	320.18	1057
	June	270.03	884		June	320.22	1065
	July	271.04	890		July	322.60	1070

	August	272.61	900		August	323.35	1074
	September	273.73	899		September	325.58	1076
	October	274.85	907	Average daily wage rate has been compiled and released up to September, 2021.			
	November	275.86	910				
	December	275.72	906				

\*Due to Covid pandemic, the data for the month of April, 2020 could not be collected and compiled.

**Annexure-II referred in reply to part (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.452 dated 30.11.2021**

**State/UT-wise notified wage rates for unskilled worker under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the financial years from 2014-15 to 2021-22.**

**(In Rs.)**

Sl. No.	States	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	169	180	194	197	205	211
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	155	167	172	177	177	192
3	ASSAM	167	179	182	183	189	193
4	BIHAR	158	162	167	168	168	171
5	CHHATTISGARH	157	159	167	172	174	176
6	GOA	195	208	229	240	254	254
7	GUJARAT	167	178	188	192	194	199
8	HARYANA	236	251	259	277	281	284
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	Non-scheduled Areas-154 Scheduled Areas-193	Non-scheduled Areas-162 Scheduled Areas-203	Non-scheduled Areas-170 Scheduled Areas-213	Non-scheduled Areas-179 Scheduled Areas-224	Non-scheduled Areas-184 Scheduled Areas-230	Non-scheduled Areas-185 Scheduled Areas-231
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	157	164	173	179	186	189
11	JHARKHAND	158	162	167	168	168	171
12	KARNATAKA	191	204	224	236	249	249
13	KERALA	212	229	240	258	271	271
14	MADHYA PRADESH	157	159	167	172	174	176
15	MAHARASHTRA	168	181	192	201	203	206
16	MANIPUR	175	190	197	204	209	219
17	MEGHALAYA	153	163	169	175	181	187
18	MIZORAM	170	183	188	194	194	211
19	NAGALAND	155	167	172	177	177	192
20	ODISHA	164	174	174	176	182	188
21	PUNJAB	200	210	218	233	240	241
22	RAJASTHAN	163	173	181	192	192	199
23	SIKKIM	155	167	172	177	177	192
24	TAMIL NADU	167	183	203	205	224	229
25	TELANGANA	-	180	194	197	205	211
26	TRIPURA	155	167	172	177	177	192
27	UTTAR PRADESH	156	161	174	175	175	182
28	UTTRAKHAND	156	161	174	175	175	182
29	WEST BENGAL	169	174	176	180	191	191
30	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	Andaman district-222 Nicobar district-235	Andaman district-228 Nicobar district-241	Andaman district-230 Nicobar district-243	Andaman district-236 Nicobar district-249	Andaman district-250 Nicobar district-264	Andaman district-250 Nicobar district-264
31	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	182	196	208	218	220	224
32	DAMAN & DIU	170	181	192	195	197	202
33	LAKSHADWEEP	195	210	220	237	248	248
34	PUDUCHERRY	167	183	203	205	224	229
35	CHANDIGARH	227	239	248	265	273	-

No.	Name of the States/UTs	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	237	245
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	205	212
3	ASSAM	213	224
4	BIHAR	194	198
5	CHHATTISGARH	190	193
6	GOA	280	294
7	GUJARAT	224	229
8	HARYANA	309	315
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH - NON SCHEDULED AREA	198	203
9a	HIMACHAL PRADESH - SCHEDULED AREA	248	254
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	204	214
11	LADAKH	204	214
12	JHARKHAND	194	198
13	KARNATAKA	275	289
14	KERALA	291	291
15	MADHYA PRADESH	190	193
16	MAHARASHTRA	238	248
17	MANIPUR	238	251
18	MEGHALAYA	203	226
19	MIZORAM	225	233
20	NAGALAND	205	212
21	ODISHA	207	215
22	PUNJAB	263	269
23	RAJASTHAN	220	221
24	SIKKIM	205	212
24a	SIKKIM (3 Gram Panchayat namely Gnathang, Lachung, Lachen)	308	318
25	TAMIL NADU	256	273
26	TELANGANA	237	245
27	TRIPURA	205	212
28	UTTAR PRADESH	201	204
29	UTTARAKHAND	201	204
30	WEST BENGAL	204	213
31	ANDAMAN	267	279
31a	NICOBAR	282	294
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	258 (D&N Haveli) 227 (Daman & Diu)	269
33	LAKSHADWEEP	266	266
34	PUDUCHERRY	256	273