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## CIRCULAR

(1) The minimum rates of wages for the employees employed in the following 16 (sixteen) Scheduled Employments in the state of West Bengal shall be effective in the period from $1^{\text {st }}$ January 2023 to 30 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ June 2023.

The minimum rates of wages have been updated with reference to the Fixation / Revision notifications as mentioned against each scheduled employment.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SI. } \\ & \text { No } \end{aligned}$ | Scheduled <br> Employments | Referral Fixation / Revision Notification Nos.\& date | Categories of Employees | Minimum <br> Wages <br> Per <br> Month | Minimum Wages Per day | Piece rates (if any) |
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| 1 | Agriculture | 461-MW/2W-02/2008,dt.22.09.2011 | Unskilled: Workers involved in Sowing, Weeding, Harvesting, Winnowing, Threshing including Munish Mail \& Helpers on agricultural field. | Rs. 7651.00 | Rs. 294.00 <br> without <br> food <br> Rs. 273.00 <br> with food | - |
|  |  |  | Semi-skilled: Workers involved in Ploughing (Langla), Transplanting, Head Mali, Supervisor. | Rs. 8417.00 | Rs. 324.00 <br> without <br> food <br> Rs. 303.00 <br> with food | - |
|  |  |  | Skilled: Workers involved in Power Tilting, Tractor Driver and persons handling machines relating to ploughing and other cultivation work. | Rs. 9262.00 | Rs. 356.00 without food Rs 335.00 with food | - |
| 2 | Bidi Leaf Plucking | 74-MW/2W06/2008, dt.06.02.2012 | Unskilled (Full-time worker) | Rs. 7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Semi-skilled (Full-time worker) | Rs. 8417.00 | Rs. 324.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Skilled (Full-time worker) | Rs. 9262.00 | Rs. 356.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Munshi (Part-time worker) | Rs. 3826.00 | Rs. 147.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Moto/ Paltai Labour (Part-time) | Rs. 2550.00 | Rs. 98.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Other Part-time workers | Rs.3826.00 | Rs. 147.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Plucker | - | - | Rs. 35.00 <br> per 100 <br> leaves |
|  |  |  | Processor | - | - | Rs. 28.00 per 3 Kg . bundle |
|  |  |  | Packer \&Packing Coolie | ${ }^{-}$ | - | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. } 14.00 \\ & \text { per } 50 \mathrm{Kg} \\ & \text { bag } \end{aligned}$ |
| 3 | Cold Storage | Labr/625/LCMW, <br> dt.20.12.2019 | Unskilled | Rs. 8693.00 | Rs. 334.00 | - |
| 4 | Cinchona Plantation | 462- <br> MW/2W- <br> 15/2009, <br> dt.22.09.2011 | Adult Worker | Rs. 7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |


| 5 | Chartered /Cost <br> Accountants, Auditors <br> Tax-Consultants and <br> other firms / <br> Companies engaged in <br> the Consultancy <br> /Advisory Services | $104-$ RW/2W- <br> $24 / 2010$, dt.04. <br> 04.2012 | Unskilled: Pean, Bearer, Durwan, <br> Khansama, Sweeper | Rs.9784.00 | Rs.376.00 | - |
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| 8 | Forestry or Timbering Operations excepting those industries in Part II of the Schedule | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 495-MW/2W- } \\ & 04 / 2008, \\ & \text { dt.26.12.2011 } \end{aligned}$ | Adult Worker | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
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| 9 | Fishing Activities including River \&Deep-Sea Fishing | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Labr/651/(LA } \\ & \text { W)-MW/2W- } \\ & 32 / 13, \mathrm{dt} .29 .1 \\ & 2.2016 \end{aligned}$ | Unskilled | Rs. 8695.00 | Rs.334.00 | - |
| 10 | Handlooms | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 76-MW/2W- } \\ & 01 / 2012, \\ & \text { dt.06.02.2012 } \end{aligned}$ | Adult Worker | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
| 11 | Lac Manufactories | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 138-MW/2W- } \\ & 03 / 2008, \mathrm{dt} .03 \text {. } \\ & 09.2012 \end{aligned}$ | Unskilled: Workers for drying and Winnowing, Pherwaiya, Durwan, Ghasandars, Mazandarrs, RongKariyas, Peon | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Semi-skilled:Belwaiya, Darwan | Rs. 8417.00 | Rs. 324.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Skilled:Clerks, Karigar | Rs. 9262.00 | Rs. 356.00 | - |
| 12 | Medicinal Plants Plantations other than Cinchona Plantation | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 463-MW/2W- } \\ & 14 / 2009, \mathrm{dt} .22 \text {. } \\ & 09.2011 \end{aligned}$ | Adult Worker | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
| 13 | Rice Mills | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 455-MW/2W- } \\ & 02 / 2007, \\ & \text { dt. } 22.09 .2011 \end{aligned}$ | Unskilled:Coolie of all types such as Coolie for loading, unloading, stacking, marking, boiling, bagging, unpacking, weighing, drying paddy, sewing, Haller-Coolie, Chatal Coolie, Peon, Bearer, Durwan and similar other workers | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Semi-skilled:Hushman, Khalasi and similar other workers | Rs. 8417.00 | Rs. 324.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Skilled: Mistry, Mechanic, Fitter, Tindal or Engine Driver, Machineman or Hallerman, Fireman, Boiler Attendant and similar other workers | Rs. 9262.00 | Rs. 356.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Highly Skilled: Sardars, Sardarnies, Supervisors, Accountant, Cashier and similar other workers | Rs. 10188.00 | Rs. 392.00 | - |
| 14 | (a) Sericulture Nursery and Cultivation, and (b) Silk Spinning and /or Weaving (Handloom) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 105-MW/2W- } \\ & 02 / 2010, \\ & \text { dt.04.04.2012 } \end{aligned}$ | Unskilled | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |
| 15 | Salt Manufacturing Industry | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 456- \\ & \text { W/2W- } \\ & 60 / 2006, \\ & \text { dt.22.09.2011 } \end{aligned}$ | Unskilled:Persons engaged in earth-cutting, bundh and boundary making, field preparation, bed preparation, earth drain making or repairing, salt lifting from the bed and stocking, filling in bags, loading and unloading including carrying, packing and weighing and office peons, general mazdoors, sweepers, tea boy | Rs.7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |


|  | - |  | Semi-skilled; Machine-man helper, electrician helper, salt washing mazdoor, measurement-man for water evaporation, watchman, night guard, mason helper, carpenter helper, cook | Rs. 8417.00 | Rs. 324.00 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Skilled:Machine-man both water lifting and salt crushing, electrician, carpenter, mason, weigh-man (if not clerk), leader in field and water lifting, Time-office clerk, office clerk, tally clerk and Godown keeper / clerk | Rs. 9262.00 | Rs.356.00 | - |
|  |  |  | Highly Skilled: Field Supervisor, Factory Supervisor, (not the leader) and supervisor-cum-field Manger. | Rs. 10188.00 | Rs. 392.00 | - |
| 16 | Tobacco Godown | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 77-MW/2W- } \\ & 07 / 2008, \mathrm{dt} .06 . \\ & 02.2012 \end{aligned}$ | Unskilled | Rs. 7651.00 | Rs.294.00 | - |

(2) There will be one minimum rate of wage (for same category of employees) for the whole of West Bengal;
(3) To arrive at daily rate, monthly rate shall have to be divided by 26 (to be rounded off to the nearest rupee) and to arrive at weekly rate, daily rate shall have to be multiplied by 6 ;
(4) A normal working day shall consist of eight and half hours of work including interval for half-an-hour for rest;
(5) One day in any period of seven days as may suit the local convenience shall be the day of weekly rest. The minimum rates of wages include the wages for weekly day of rest. Payment for the work done on the day of weekly rest and for work done beyond the normal working hours shall be double the ordinary rates of wages;
(6) Where the existing rates of wages of any employee based on contractor or agreement or otherwise are higher than the rates notified herein, the higher rates shall be protected and treated as minimum rates of wages applicable for the purpose of this notification to all such employees;
(7) The minimum rates of wagesare applicable to the employees employed by contractors also;
(8) The minimum rates of wages for disabled persons shall be same as payable to the workers of appropriate category;
(9) The men and women employees shall get the same rates of wages for the same work or work of similar nature;
(10) The minimum rates of wages and variable dearness allowance, if 'any, both together shall constitute the minimum rates of wages to be enforceable under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 ( 1 lof 1948). This is issued with due approval of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.


