

Increase in Minimum Wages

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Under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both Central and State Governments are appropriate Governments to fix, review and revise the minimum wages of the workers employed in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions. The Central Government has notified the revision of minimum wages for the scheduled employments in the Central sphere on 19.01.2017. The increase in minimum wages for scheduled employment under the Central sphere w.e.f. 19.01.2017 as shown in the table below:-

(Wages in Rs. per day) w.e.f. 19.01.2017

(Wages in Rs. per day) w.e.f. 15.01.2017							
Scheduled Employment	Category of Workers	Area A		Area B		Area C	
		old	Revised	old	Revised	old	Revised
Agriculture	Unskilled	237	333	216	303	214	300
	Semi-skilled/Unskilled Supervisory	259	364	239	335	219	307
	Skilled/Clerical	281	395	259	364	238	334
	Highly-skilled	312	438	289	407	259	364
Sweeping and Cleaning	Unskilled	374	523	312	437	250	350
Watch and Ward	Without Arms (Upgraded to skilled with training)	414	637	353	579	293	494
	With Arms(Upgraded to highly skilled for supervision)	456	693	414	637	353	579
Loading & Unloading	Unskilled	374	523	312	437	250	350
Construction	Unskilled	374	523	312	437	250	350
	Semi-skilled/Unskilled Supervisory	414	579	353	494	293	410
	Skilled/Clerical	456	637	414	579	353	494
	Highly-skilled	495	693	456	637	414	579
		Existing			Proposed		
Workers engaged in Stone Mines for Stone Breaking and Stone Crushing	1.Excavation & removal of over burden with 50 meters lead/1.5 meters lift:*						
	(a) Soft Soil	252.00			351		
	(b) Soft Soil with Rock	380.00			531		
	(c) Rock	503.00			703		
	2. Removal and Staking of rejected stones with 50 metres lead/1.5 metreslift*	203.00			283		
	3. Stone breaking or Stone Crushing for the stone size of category**						
	(a) 1.0 inch to 1.5 inches	1553.00			2171		
	(b) Above 1.5 Inches to 3.0 Inches	1329.00			1857		
	(c) Above 3.0 Inches to 5 Inches	778.00			1088		
	(d) Above 5.0 Inches	639.00			893		
		Above Ground			Below Ground		
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed			
	Unskilled	250	350	312	437		

Non - Coal Mines	Semi-skilled/Unskilled Supervisory	312	437	374	523
	Skilled/Clerical	374	523	436	610
	Highly-skilled	436	610	495	683

*Per 2.831 cubic meters or 100 cubic feet
** Per truck load of 5.662 cubic meters or 200 cubic feet

This information was given by Shri BandaruDattatreya, the Minister of State (IC) for Labour and Employment,in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

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