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Submitted:-

Sub:- Minimum Wages Act, 1948 – Notification of Consumer Price Index number applicable to the workers covered in the Scheduled Employments as on 01.10.2021.

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1. It is submitted that the Government Vide G.O.Ms.No.36, Women’s Development, Child Welfare and Labour (Lab.II) Dept., dated: 15-03-1989 have introduced Cost of Living Allowance to all the Industrial Workers covered under Part-I to the Schedule of Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Subsequently, the Government has notified the Commissioner of Labour as Competent Authority under Clause (1), Section 2 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for the purpose of ascertaining the Cost of Living Index Numbers vide G.O.Ms.No.37, Women’s Development, Child Welfare and Labour (Lab.II) Dept., dated: 15-03-1989.

2. It is further submitted that the Commissioner of Labour shall notify the Cost of Living Allowance for every six months i.e., 1st April and 1st October taking into account the average raise in the Consumer Price Index numbers for the half year ending June and December. The Commissioner of Labour has to declare and notify the CPI numbers applicable to the Industrial Workers as well as Agricultural Workers for the half year ending June , 2021 (taking into account the average of January, 2021 to June, 2021) i.e., as on 01-10-2021.

3. We may taken into account of CPI points for industrial workers in 7 centers in the State of Andhra Pradesh i.e. 1) Guntur, 2) Visakhapatnam 3) Nellore in Central Series and 4) Vizianagaram 5) Kakinada 6) Jaggaihpeta 7) Tirupati in State Series.

4. In this connection, it is submitted that the Statistical section of this office has furnished CPI numbers for the months from January 2021 to June, 2021 for 7 Centers as per 2001 = 100 series. But, the wages in all the Scheduled Employments covered under Part –I to the Schedule of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 in the State was linked to the CPI numbers as per 1982 = 100 Series and therefore we may notify the CPI points by converting 2001 = 100 Series to 1982 = 100 Series. In this connection, it is submitted that the 7 centers that were existed as per 1982 = 100 Series and the 7 centers as per new series and multiplication point for converting the CPI numbers from 2001 = 100 series are furnished hereunder.

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| Centers as per  1982 = 100 series | Centers as per  2001 = 100 series | Multiplication point for conversion from 2001 series to 1982 series |
| 1. Guntur | 1. Guntur | 4.57 |
| 2. Visakhapatnam | 2. Visakhapatnam | 4.64 |
| 3.Nellore | 3.Nellore | 4.57 |
| 4. Vizianagaram | 4. Vizianagaram | 3.93 |
| 5. Kakinada | 4. Kakinada | 4.26 |
| 6. Jaggaiahpet | 5.Guntutr | 2.61 |
| 7. Tirupati | 7. Nellore | 2.61 |

**5.** In the 2001 =100 series the centers of Jaggaiahpet and Tirupati were introduced in place of Vijayawada and Rajahmundry. For the purpose of conversion, a clarification was sought from the Director of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad and clarified that the nearest linking factor may be adopted for the new centers of Jaggaiahpet and Tirupati Taking into account the linking factors of Guntur (4.57) and Jaggaiahpet (2.61) to the new centers of Jaggaiahpeta and Tirupati respectively, the average CPI points for 7 centers is being arrived at and notified from January 2021.till date. In view of the bifurcation of the State of Andhra Pradesh and as per the said clarification, the average CPI numbers for 7 centers in Andhra Pradesh for the half year ending i.e. from January 2021 to June, 2021 by converting from 2001 = 100 series to 1982 = 100 series has been calculated and arrived as 1523.85 (Rounded to 1524).

CPI points raised from previous notification to present CPI points to the industrial workers to be notified as on 01-10-2021.

CPI points to be notified as on 01-10-2021 --- 1524

CPI points already notified as on 01-04-2021 --- 1479 ----------------

Points increased --- 45

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8. It is submitted that we may notify the CPI points for industrial workers as on 01.10.2021 as 1524 in respect of Sl.No.1 to 65 under Part –I.

9.It is further submitted that as per the advice of the then Secretary, LET & F Department, applicability of VDA to all scheduled employments notified in Part-II on par with scheduled employments notified in Part-I, has been adopted.

10. It is further submitted that the Commissioner of Labour shall notify the Cost of Living Allowance for every six months i.e., 1st April and 1st October taking into account the average raise in the Consumer Price Index numbers for Agricultural Workers under Part-II for the half year ending January to June . The Commissioner of Labour has to declare and notify the CPI numbers applicable to the Agricultural Workers in 1986=100 series for the half year ending janauary 2021 (taking into account the average of January, 2021 to June , 2021) i.e., as on 01-10-2021 (1194) basing upon the information furnished by the Statistical Section.

CPI points raised from previous notification to present CPI points to the agricultural workers to be notified as on 01-10-2021

CPI points to be notified as on 01-10-2021 --- 1194

CPI points already notified as on 01-04-2021 --- 1178

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Points increased --- 16

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11. In view of the above, if agreed, we may issue necessary orders declaring the CPI numbers for industrial workers as 1524 in respect of 64 Scheduled employments covered under Part-I and CPI numbers for agricultural workers as 1194 in respect of 5 scheduled employments under Part-II to the Schedule of Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

12. Accordingly, draft proceeding declaring CPI numbers, draft letter to the Commissioner of Printing,Stationery & Stores Purchase and draft letter to the Commissioner, Information and Public Relations including press note are s put up below for perusal and approval please.

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