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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ALL-INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NUMBERS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LABOURERS – SEPTEMBER, 2019**

1. The All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers (Base: 1986-87=100) for the month of September, 2019 increased by 11 points each to stand at 976 (Nine hundred and seventy six) and 983 (Nine hundred and eighty three) points respectively.
2. The rise in index varied from State to State. In case of Agricultural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 3 to 19 points in 19 States while a decrease of 3 points in the State of Kerala. Tamil Nadu State with 1128 points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh State with 770 points stood at the bottom.
3. In case of Rural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 3 to 19 points in 19 States while a decrease of 4 points in the State of Kerala. Tamil Nadu State with 1117 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 805 points stood at the bottom.
4. The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers of Haryana State registered the maximum increase of 19 points each mainly due to rise in the prices of wheat-atta, onion, pulses, milk, fruits & vegetables, chillies-dry, garlic, sugar, gur and firewood. On the contrary, Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers of Kerala State registered the decrease of 3 and 4 points respectively mainly due to fall in the prices of rice, fish-fresh, turmeric and tamarind.
5. Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL increased from 6.39% and 6.23% in August, 2019 to 7.25% and 7.20% respectively in September, 2019. Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL and CPI-RL is at (+) 8.67% & (+) 8.61% respectively in September, 2019.
6. All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise)

Group	Agricultural Labourers		Rural Labourers	
	Aug.,2019	Sep.,2019	Aug.,2019	Sep.,2019
<b>General Index</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>983</b>
Food	915	928	919	933
Pan, Supari, etc.	1594	1602	1607	1616
Fuel & Light	1080	1085	1075	1080
Clothing, Bedding & Footwear	980	984	995	999
Miscellaneous	983	989	990	996

7. The CPI – AL and RL for the month of October, 2019 will be released on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

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