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The Government of West Bengal in the Labour Department has fixed minimum rates of wages in the employment of **AGRICULTURE** in the state of West Bengal as per notification number 461-MW/2W-02-2008 Dated 22.09.2011. These rate will be effective for the period from **1st January, 2020 to 30th June, 2020**.

Categories of Employees	Monthly Minimum Rates of Wages (Rs.)		
	Per Month (Without food)(Rs.)	Per Day(Rs.)	
		Without food	With food
Unskilled	6,430.00	247.00	230.00
Semi-skilled	7,074.00	272.00	255.00
Skilled	7,783.00	299.00	282.00

- a. The classification of employees in the above employment is as follows :-
 - Unskilled Workers:** All types of workers involved in sowing, weeding, harvesting, winnowing, threshing including Munish Mali and helpers on Agricultural field.
 - Semi-skilled Workers:** Workers involved in ploughing (Langla), transplanting, head mali, supervisor.
 - Skilled Workers:** Workers involved in power tilling, tractor driver and persons handling machines relating to ploughing and other cultivation work.
- b. There will be only one rate of minimum wage for the whole of West Bengal.
- c. To arrive at daily rates, monthly rates shall have to be divided by 26 and to be rounded off to the nearest rupee and to arrive at weekly rates, daily rates shall have to be multiplied by 6.
- d. A normal working day shall consist of eight and half hours of work including interval for half-an-hour for rest.
- e. One day in any period of seven days as may suit the local convenience shall be the day of weekly rest.
- f. The minimum rates of wages include the wages for weekly day of rest. Payment for work done on the day of weekly rest and for work done beyond the normal working hours shall be double the ordinary rate of wages.
- g. Where the existing rates of wages of any employee based on contract 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 such employees.
- h. The minimum rates of wages are applicable to employees employed by contractors also.
- i. The minimum rates of wages for disabled persons shall be same as payable to the workers of appropriate category.

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- j. The men and women employees shall get the same rates of wages for the same work or work of similar nature.
- k. 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(11 of 1948).
- l. Where the practice of payment partly in cash and partly in produce is prevalent, the total value of produce supplied plus the cash wages paid shall not be less than the minimum wages.

This is issued with due approval of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.


(Heera Lal Roy)

Joint Labour Commissioner (P),
West Bengal

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3. The Secretary (Central Trade Unions/All Chambers of Commerce) _____ with the request to circulate this among his constituents.
4. The Joint/Deputy/Assistant Labour Commissioner _____ with the request to circulate this among the Inspectors, M.W. under his jurisdiction.


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