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**Government of West Bengal**  
**Office of the Labour Commissioner, Statistics Section,**  
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**CIRCULAR**

The Government of West Bengal in the Labour Department has fixed minimum rates of wages in the employment of **BIDI LEAF PLUCKING** in the state of West Bengal as per notification number 74-MW/2W-08-2006 Dated 06.02.2012. 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.)
1. Full-time workers (a) Unskilled (b) Semi- skilled (c) Skilled	6,430.00 (Daily - 247.00) 7,074.00 (Daily - 272.00) 7,783.00 (Daily - 299.00)
2. Part-time workers (a) Munshi (b) Moto/Paltai Labour (c) Others	3,215.00 (Daily - 124.00) 2,143.00 (Daily - 82.00) 3,215.00 (Daily - 124.00)
3. Piece-rated workers (a) Plucker (b) Processor (c) Packer (d) Packing Coolie	29.13 (per 100 leaves) 23.30 (per 3 kg. bundle Rs. 12.00) 11.65 (per 50 kg. bag Rs. 6.00) 11.65 (per 50 kg. bag Rs. 6.00)


- a. There will be only one rate of minimum wage for the whole of West Bengal.
- b. 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.
- c. A normal working day shall consist of eight and half hours of work including interval for half-an-hour for rest.
- d. One day in any period of seven days as may suit the local convenience shall be the day of weekly rest.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. The minimum rates of wages are applicable to employees employed by contractors also.
- h. The minimum rates of wages for disabled persons shall be same as payable to the workers of appropriate category.
- i. The men and women employees shall get the same rates of wages for the same work or work of similar

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nature.

- j. 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).
- k. Piece rates of work, if there be any, shall in no case be less than the daily minimum time rates of wages.
- l. For each principal meal, if supplied by the employer, the daily rates of minimum wages shall be reduced by Rs. 5.37.

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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2. The Labour Commissioner, W.B., N.S. Bldgs., 11th floor, Kol.-1.
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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