

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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NEW WAGE BOARD FOR NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to constitute a new wage board for newspaper industry;
- (b) if so, by when the said board is likely to be constituted;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to accept the recommendations of the National Labour Commission in respect of the newspaper industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): The Manisana Wage Board has submitted its recommendations only in July, 2000 which have been accepted by the Government with minor modifications. Therefore, it may be too early to constitute next Wage Board for newspaper employees, working journalists, non-journalists workers in newspaper and news agencies.

(c) & (d): The Government is examining the recommendations of the National Commission on Labour that there is no need for any Wage Board, statutory or otherwise for fixing wage rates for workers in any industry. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the issue, it would require further deliberations.