

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:201
ANSWERED ON:03.07.2009
UNIFORM WAGE UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wages are paid at a uniform rate in all the States under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(NREGS);
- (b) if not, the details of the prevailing wage rates under the scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to take the matter with the States to fix uniform minimum wages in the country under NREGS; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Under NREGA wages are not paid at a uniform rate in all the States. Up to 31.12.2008, wages were paid in accordance with Section 6(2) of the Act which provides that the minimum wage fixed by the State Government under Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for agricultural labourers shall be considered as the wage rate applicable to that area. With effect from 1.1.2009, Central Government has notified, under Section 6(1) of NREG Act, the wage rate to be paid to NREGA workers. Details are annexed.

(c): No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Annexure as referred to reply in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.201 due for reply on 3.7.2009 Prevailing Wage rate Under NREGA

S.No.	Name of State	Wage rate in Rs. Per day
1	2	3
1	Assam	Rs. 79.60
2	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 80.00
3	Arunachal Pradesh Area- I I (RS.67.00)	Area- I (RS.65.00)
4	Bihar	Rs. 81.00
5	Gujarat	Rs. 100.00
6	Haryana	Rs. 141.02

7	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 100.00
8	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 70.00
9	Karnataka	Rs. 82.00
10	Kerala	Rs. 125.00
11	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 91.00
12	Maharashtra	Rs.72, Rs, 70, Rs 68 & Rs.66 respectively for Zone I, II, III, IV
13	Manipur	Rs.81.40 for Hill & Valley
14	Meghalaya	Rs. 70.00
15	Mizoram	Rs. 91.00
16	Nagaland	Rs. 100.00
17	Orissa	Rs. 70.00
18	Punjab	
18(a)	Hoshiarpur	Rs. 98.61
18(b)	Jalandhar	Rs. 93.00
18(c)	Nawanshar	Rs. 94.91
18(d)	Amritsar	Rs. 105.00
19	Rajasthan	Rs. 100.00
20	Sikkim	Rs. 100.00
21	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 80.00
22	Tripura	Rs. 85.00
23	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 100.00
24	West Bengal	Rs. 75.00

25	Chattisgarh	Rs. 72.23
26	Jharkhand	Rs. 92.00
27	Uttrakhand	Rs. 73.00
28	Goa	Rs. 110.00
29	Andaman & Nicobar Rs. 130.00	Andaman District
	Nicobar district	
	Rs. 139.00	
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 108.20
31	Daman & Diu	Rs. 102.00
32	Lakshadweep	Rs. 115.00
33	Puducherry	Rs.80.00 for men for six hours of work & Rs. 70.00 for women for five hours of work
34	Chandigarh	Rs. 140.00