

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ENHANCEMENT OF MINIMUM WAGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various proposals have been submitted to the Government for enhancement of minimum wage to Rs. 10,000/- per month;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is actively considering to enhance the minimum wages in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (d): The matter was raised by some of the employees' trade unions to enhance the minimum wages to Rs.10, 000/- per month in the 44th session of Indian Labour Conference held on 14th-15th February, 2012. However, the Ministry of Labour & Employment has no proposal at present to enhance the minimum wages to Rs. 10,000/- per month.

Presently, the minimum wages are revised quinquennially in the Central Sphere. Further, Variable Dearness Allowance is revised twice a year to offset the impact of price rise as reflected in the Consumer Price Indices.