

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AVERAGE DAILY WAGES OF LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farm labourer's average daily wages have more than doubled during the last decade due to short supplies while industrial workers have to be happy with 63 percentage rise due to recent slowdown;
- (b) if so, the details thereof comparatively State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) & (b): Comparative statements indicating wages for farm workers and Industrial workers for the years 1999-2000 and 2009-2010 are given in Annexure I and II respectively.

(c): In a market economy wage rates are dependent on a number of factors such as production, demand, labour mobility, geographical factors, cost of living etc. Both Central and State government intervene in the labour market with a view to fix minimum wages in respect of scheduled employments for which they are the appropriate governments.