

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

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RURAL WAGE GROWTH  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether rural wage growth has fallen to 1.4 per cent and nominal rural wages stated to be grown at 15 per cent grew only at an average of 6.8 per cent annually during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): According to Rural Labour Enquiry of Labour Bureau, data has been compiled on sex-wise average daily wage rates in respect of 11 agricultural and 7 non-agricultural occupations on the basis of the information collected by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) from a fixed set of 600 sample villages spread over 20 States of the country.

All-India annual average daily wage rates, by occupation and sex, in rural areas for the years 2010 to 2013 (upto October, 2013) along with their growth rates are given in ANNEXURE-I and ANNEXURE -II.

In ANNEXURE -I, the growth rate for the year 2013 over 2010 based on nominal wages has been calculated which indicates that there has been a substantial growth in the wages of different occupations during these years.

In ANNEXURE -II, the growth rate for the year 2013 over 2010 based on real wages has been calculated which indicates that though there has been a positive growth in the wages of different occupations during these years, it was however below 10 percent except in case of well digging for men where the rate of growth was 10.24 percent.