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Notifications or Orders of interest to a section of the public issued by Secretariat Departments.

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

REVISION OF MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN FORESTRY UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGES ACT

[G.O. (2D) No. 43, Labour and Employment (J-1), 1st August 2013.]

No. II(2)/LE/532(d)/2013.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 3 and sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (Central Act XI of 1948) and in supersession of the Labour and Employment Department Notification No. II(2)/LE/68/2003, published on page 40 of Part II—Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette,* dated the 29th January 2003, the Governor of Tamil Nadu after consultation with the Advisory Board, hereby revises the minimum rates of wages payable to the classes of employees in the employment in Forestry in the State of Tamil Nadu, specified in column (1) of the Schedule below, as specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, the draft of the same having been previously published as required by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act.

2) This Notification shall come into force with effect on and from the date of its publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.*

THE SCHEDULE

Employment in Forestry.

Classes of employees.	*Minimum rates of basic Wages.*
	Rs.
(1)	*(2)*
(1) Nursery Mazdoor/Nursery Worker (2) Plot Mazdoor/Plot Watcher (3) Fire Patrol Watcher (4) Sandal Wood Protection/Roaming Watcher	122.00 per day.

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Classes of employees.	*Minimum rates of basic Wages.*
	Rs.
(1)	*(2)*
(5) Daily Wages of Mazdoors:	
Grade-I	132.00 per day.
Grade-II	128.00 per day.
Grade-III	122.00 per day.

Note.—

1. Grade - I/Class - A	-	Chennai,Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram,The Nilgiris and Tirunelveli Districts.
2. Grade - II/Class - B	-	Salem, Coimbatore and Madurai Districts.
3. Grade - III/Class - C	-	Other Districts.

(6) Mazdoor in Sandal Wood Depot:	
Class-I (Final Cleaning)	132.00 per day.
Class-II (Rough Cleaning)	128.00 per day.
Class-III (other work)	122.00 per day.
(7) Wattle Operations :	
Peeling the bark	1707.00 per metric tonne.
Loading Operations	510.00 per metric tonne.
Cutting of bark and stacking	393.00 per stack of 3 cubic metres.
(8) Blue Gum:	
Cutting and Stacking	357.00 per stack of 3 cubic metres.

***Explanations.*—(1) Dearness Allowance.—**The employees shall be paid dearness allowance as indicated below:—

(*i*) The wages notified above are linked to the Average Chennai City Consumer Price Index Number for the year 2000, (that is, 475 points with base 1982=100) and for every rise of one point over and above 475 points, an increase of 25 paise (twenty five paise only) per point per day shall be paid as dearness allowance.

(*ii*) The dearness allowance shall be calculated on the first April of every year on the basis of the average indices for the earlier 12 months, that is, from January to December.

(*iii*) The first calculation shall, thus, be made effective, from the date of publication of this Notification in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette,* based on the average of Consumer Price Index for the previous year.

(2) Where the nature of work is the same, no distinction in the payment of wages shall be made between men and women employees.

(3) The daily rate of wages and dearness allowance include the element of weekly holiday wages also.

(4) Wherever the existing wages are higher than the minimum rates of wages fixed herein, the same shall be continued to be paid.

MOHAN PYARE,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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