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**Government of West Bengal
Office of the Labour Commissioner
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The minimum rates of wages for those in the employment of **BEEDI LEAF PLUCKING** in the state of West Bengal covered as per notification number 74-MW/2W-08-2006 dated 06.02.2012 are being hereby fixed as under. These rates will be effective for the period from **1st January, 2022 to 30th June, 2022**.

- a. Now, with reference to the said notification, the following shall be the minimum rates of wages in the said employment for the period from **1st January, 2022 to 30th June, 2022**.

Categories of Employees	Monthly Minimum Rates of Wages(Rs.)
1. Full-time workers (a) Unskilled (b) Semi- skilled (c) Skilled	7,044.00 (Daily - 271.00) 7,750.00 (Daily - 298.00) 8,527.00 (Daily - 328.00)
2. Part-time workers (a) Munshi (b) Moto/Paltai Labour (c) Others	3,522.00 (Daily - 135.00) 2,348.00 (Daily - 90.00) 3,522.00 (Daily - 135.00)
3. Piece-rated workers (a) Plucker (b) Processor (c) Packer (d) Packing Coolie	31.91 (per 100 leaves) 25.53 (per 3 kg. bundle Rs. 12.00) 12.77 (per 50 kg. bag Rs. 6.00) 12.77 (per 50 kg. bag Rs. 6.00)

- b. There will only be one rate of minimum wage for the whole of West Bengal.
- c. To arrive at daily rates, monthly rates shall have to be divided by 26 (to be rounded off to the nearest rupee) and to arrive at weekly rates, daily rates shall have to be multiplied by 6.
- d. A normal working day shall consist of eight and half hours of work including interval for half-an-hour for rest.
- e. One day in any period of seven days as may suit the local convenience shall be the day of weekly rest. The minimum rates of wages include the wages for weekly day of rest. For payment for work done on the day of weekly rest and for work done beyond the normal working hours shall be double the ordinary rate of wages.
- f. Where the existing rates of wages of any employee based on contract or agreement or otherwise are higher than the rates notified herein, the higher rates shall be protected and treated as minimum rates of wages applicable for the purpose of this notification to all such employees.
- g. These minimum rates of wages are applicable to employees employed by contractors also.
- h. The minimum rates of wages for disabled persons shall be same as payable to the workers of appropriate category.
- i. The men and women employees shall get the same rates of wages for the same work or work of

similar nature.

- j. The minimum rates of wages and Variable Dearness Allowance, if any, both together shall constitute the minimum rates of wages to be enforceable under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948(11 of 1948).
- k. Piece rates of work, if there be any, shall in no case be less than the daily minimum time rates of wages.
- l. For each principal meal, if supplied by the employer, the daily rates of minimum wages shall be reduced by Rs. 5.37.

This is issued with due approval of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.



(Sharmila Khatua)
Additional Labour Commissioner
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1. The Principal Secretary, Labour Department, New Secretariat Buildings, 12th floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata -700 001.
2. The Labour Commissioner, New Secretariat Building, 11th floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata -700 001.
3. The Secretary (Central Trade Unions/All Chambers of Commerce) _____ with the request to circulate this among his constituents.
4. The Joint/Deputy/Assistant Labour Commissioner _____ with the request to circulate this among the Inspectors, M.W. under his jurisdiction.



(Sharmila Khatua)
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