



Government of West Bengal
Office of the Labour Commissioner
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Dated: 31/01/2022

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The minimum rates of wages for those in the employment of **Loading Unloading Operations** in the state of West Bengal covered as per notification number Labr/662/(Law)/MW/2W-32/13 dated 29.12.2016 are being hereby fixed as under, as published in the Kolkata Gazette Extraordinary dated 30.12.2016.

Though there is a decrease in the average consumer price index for Industrial Workers for Kolkata centre for the period from April 2021 to September 2021, there shall be, as per Labour Department Notification No Labr/79/(LC/IR)/ 25034/3/2021 dated 24.01.2022 no increase in Variable Dearness Allowance for the Period from 01.01.2022 to 30.06.2022 for Zone A.

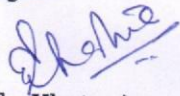
- a. Now, with reference to the said notifications, the following shall be the minimum rates of wages in the said employment for the period from **1st January, 2022 to 30th June, 2022.**

Categories of Employees	Monthly Minimum Rates of Wages(Rs.)	
	Zone A (Rs.)	Zone B (Rs.)
Unskilled	8,904.00 (Daily - 342.00)	8,005.00 (Daily - 308.00)

- b. **Implementing areas: Zone 'A'** = (i) Areas under Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, notified Areas/ Authorities, Development Authorities, Thermal Power Plants Areas including Industrial Township Areas.
Zone 'B' = Rest of the 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).

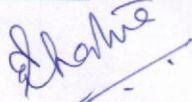
This is issued with due approval of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.


(Sharmila Khatua)
Additional Labour Commissioner
West Bengal

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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.


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