

Hooda announced to increase the minimum wages for industrial labourers

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INVC,, Haryana ,, Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda today announced to increase the minimum wages for industrial labourers and those engaged in brick-kilns by Rs 155 thus benefitting a large number of labourers in the State. Mr Hooda said that with this enhancement, an unskilled labourer would get minimum wages of Rs 4503 per month or Rs 173 per day. He said that these wages have been raised in view of the increase of 67 points in the price index and these wages would be effective from January 1,2011. He said that at present, there were about 11,500 small and large industrial units in the State in which about 7.5 lakh labourers were working. Similarly, about four lakh workers were working at shops, dhabas and small units. The Government being aware of their economic and social security, a provision has been made in the Minimum Wages Act to fix minimum wages on the basis of Consumer Price Index for those working in more than 48 declared scheduled employments, industries and shops. Under this provision, after every six months, the Consumer Price Index is reviewed in the months of January and July and accordingly, the minimum wages are fixed so that the labourers get their due in view of the inflation. In Haryana, the Government has linked wages with Consumer Price Index. At the time of close of the half year in June 2010, the price index was 1,475 which shot upto 1,542 in December 2010 at the termination of the half year. There was an increase of 67 points in the price index. As per the rate of neutralization of Rs 2.31 per point, the monthly wages have increased by Rs 155 and these would be effective from January 1,2011. Detailing out the wages, Haryana Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Mr Shiv Charan Sharma said that in case of unskilled labour, the monthly wages would be Rs 4502.98 and daily wages Rs 173.19. In case of semi skilled (A), these would be Rs 4632.98 and Rs 178.19. Similarly, in case of semi skilled (B) labourers, the wages would be Rs 4762.98 per month and Rs 183.19 per day. For skilled (A) category, these would be Rs 4892.98 and Rs 188.19 and for skilled (B) category, these would be Rs 5022.98 and Rs 193.19. He said that a skilled labourer would get a monthly wages of Rs 5152.98 and daily wages of Rs 198.19. He said that wages for those engage in brick-kiln industry have also been revised from the same date. He said that a "Pathera" would get Rs 256.58 and that of Tiles, Rs 288.65. 'Bharai Wala-A (loading of bricks into kiln) would get Rs 115.46 and (B) Rs 94.93. The 'Keriwala' would get Rs 20.52 per thousand and 'Nikasiwala', Rs 84.67 per thousand. 'Chenaiwala' would get Rs 4892.98 per month and Mason would also be given Rs 4892.98 per month. He said that the Government was committed to revise the wages and the officers of the Labour Department have been directed to personally visit at least two industrial units on the day of disbursement of wages to ensure that the labourers get their due wages.

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