

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2586
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for determination of the existing number of the agricultural workers in the country including West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in respect of male, female and child labourers separately, State-wise;
- (c) the rate of minimum wages prescribed for them and the manner in which it is implemented;
- (d) whether the Government is considering the revision of existing minimum wages for agricultural labourers; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): According to Census, 2001, the number of agricultural workers in the country including West Bengal is about 10.7 crore. The details in respect of male and female agricultural workers, state-wise, is at annexure. Sector-wise details of child labour are not maintained.

(c) to (e): The rates of minimum wages for agricultural workers in the Central Sphere and State sphere are fixed by Central and State Governments and range from Rs.93.09 to Rs.139.45 per day and Rs.39.87 to Rs.111.77 per day respectively. The minimum wages are revised by the appropriate Government from time to time and their implementation is enforced by Central Industrial Relations Machinery as well as State Enforcement Machinery.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2586 FOR 16.08.2004 REGARDING AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Sl. No. Name of the State/UTs Number of Agricultural Labourers

Male Female Total

1. Andhra Pradesh	6453741	7378411	13832152
2. Arunachal Pradesh	10329	8511	18840
3. Assam	832508	431024	1263532
4. Bihar	8730251	4687493	13417744
5. Chhatisgarh	1262559	1828799	3091358
6. Gujarat	2509651	2652007	5161658
7 Haryana	717133	561688	1278821
8. Himachal Pradesh	55658	38513	94171

9.	Jammu & Kashmir	190339	56082	246421
10.	Jharkhand	1485322	1365975	2851297
11.	Karnataka	2620927	3606015	6226942
12.	Kerala	1078354	542497	1620851
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3518368	3882302	7400670
14.	Maharashtra	4924034	5891228	10815262
15.	Manipur	49928	63702	113630
16.	Meghalaya	90888	80806	171694
17.	Nagaland	15985	14922	30907
18.	Orissa	2587196	2411908	4999104
19.	Punjab	1104140	385721	1489861
20.	Rajasthan	1055332	1468387	2523719
21.	Sikkim	8762	8238	17000
22.	Tamil Nadu	4256360	4381270	8637630
23.	Tripura	162640	113492	276132
24.	Uttar Pradesh	8245599	5155312	13400911
25.	Uttaranchal	190494	69189	259683
26.	West Bengal	5080236	2282721	7362957
27.	A & N Islands	4043	1126	5169
28.	Chandigarh	461	102	563
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	5429	9286	14715
30.	Delhi	11224	4549	15773
31.	Goa	15970	19836	35806
32.	Daman & Diu	347	976	1323
33.	Lakshadweep	00	00	00
34.	Mizoram	12775	14008	26783
35.	Pondicherry	42117	30134	72251

Total 57329100 49446230 106775330