

**Title: Need to ensure that the Tea estate workers and coolies of Valparai hill area in Pollachi Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu are paid increased daily wages at Rs. 82 per day. – Laid.**

**DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI):** Sir, I am raising this matter on behalf of Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam of Tamil Nadu headed by Thiru Vaiko.

Valparai hill area consists of tea estates in my Pollachi constituency. The poor tea estate workers and coolies are starving due to poverty as the daily wages are not fixed uniformly. The daily wages range from Rs.65 to Rs.69. The big companies are paying Rs. 72 as the daily wage. The same big companies are paying in the same hill area which is nearer and in Kerala State at Rs. 82/- per day. Some of the estates like Kavarkal and Waverly have not paid the wages for the past five months. The wage board, Tamil Nadu State and Government of India should come forward to provide higher rate of daily wages at par with big companies at Rs.82/- per day to save the poor Tea Estate Workers and Coolies of Valparai, Pollachi in Coimbatore District.

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