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## 'Implementation of Minimum Wages Act is under way'

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Labour Minister Santosh Lad has said that enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act was under way.

Responding to questions from presspersons after the Independence Day celebrations here on Monday, Mr. Lad said that the department officials have been enforcing the Act covering 26 sectors.

"A large section of the working class would be benefitted by it as their wages have been enhanced considerably," he added.

Insuring drivers, cleaners and conductors in private transport sector was another major endeavour of the department, which has a data of around 25 lakh people, and this scheme is being implemented in a phased manner, he said.

Later, participating in a gram sabha at Kolagallu for selecting beneficiaries under various housing schemes, Mr. Lad underlined the need for the officials concerned to accord priority to allot houses for widows and physically challenged persons while carrying out the process.

He also instructed the officials to follow the government guidelines while allotting houses within the framework of law. "In case the applicants/ beneficiaries are more than the houses allotted, adopt lottery system to avoid unnecessary controversy," he added.

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