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Revised minimum wages for household workers

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The Labour and Skills Department has announced revised minimum wages for household workers.

For one-hour of household work, including washing of clothes, dishes, cleaning up of surroundings and cooking, the wage has been fixed as ₹37.50. For every succeeding hour, the wage will be ₹22.50.

The minimum daily wage for eight hour work is ₹195 and the monthly wage is ₹5,070. For taking care of babies, the elderly, differently abled and patients, the minimum daily wage has

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been fixed as ₹219 daily and ₹5,694 monthly. For security and watchmen, the daily wage will be ₹213 and monthly ₹5,538.

In addition to this, those doing at least one-hour work should be given one meal free of cost and those doing more than four hours of work need to be given two meals. For those staying in the house, three meals should be provided. For six continuous days of work, one day holiday has to be given.

Overtime wages have to be provided for work on holidays. Those below 18 years of age should not be employed for household work. If the worker is currently getting more wages than the newly specified minimum wages, the worker has the right to continue to draw the old wages.

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