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**Government of West Bengal  
Office of the Labour Commissioner  
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**CIRCULAR**

The minimum rates of wages for those in the employment of **CINEMA INDUSTRY (Cinema House Exhibition)** in the state of West Bengal covered as per notification number 121-MW/2W-08/14 dated 10.11.2015 are being hereby fixed as under. These rates will be effective for the period from **1st January, 2022 to 30th June, 2022.**

Though there is a decrease in the average consumer price index for Industrial Workers for Kolkata centre for the period from April 2021 to September 2021, there shall be, as per Labour Department Notification No Labr/79/(LC/IR)/ 25034/3/2021 dated 24.01.2022 no increase in Variable Dearness Allowance for the Period from 01.01.2022 to 30.06.2022 for Zone A.

- a. Now, with reference to the said notifications, the following shall be the minimum rates of wages in the said employment for the period from **1st January, 2022 to 30th June, 2022.**

Categories of Employees	Monthly Minimum Rates of Wages(Rs.)	
	Zone A (Rs.)	Zone B (Rs.)
Unskilled	8,904.00 (Daily - 342.00)	8,005.00 (Daily - 308.00)
Semi-Skilled	9,795.00 (Daily - 377.00)	8,804.00 (Daily - 339.00)
Skilled	10,775.00 (Daily - 414.00)	9,684.00 (Daily - 372.00)
Highly Skilled	11,852.00 (Daily - 456.00)	10,654.00 (Daily - 410.00)

- b. **Implementing areas: Zone 'A'** = (i) Areas under Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, notified Areas/ Authorities, Development Authorities, Thermal Power Plants Areas including Industrial Township Areas.

**Zone 'B'** = Rest of the West Bengal.

- c. **The classification of employees is as follows:-**

**CINEMA HOUSE EXHIBITION**

**Unskilled:** Peon, Bearer, Maid-servants, Sweeper, Poster Boys, Durwans, Watchman, Shifter, Dispensers, Bar-attendants, Chocolate Boy, Soda Fountain Hamal, Mali, Traffic Linesman or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of unskilled work by whatever name called.

**Semi-skilled:** Usher, Doorman, Liftman, Gate-keeper, Fireman, Assistant Painter, Assistant Carpenter, Assistant Polishwala, MCOT (Member of Customer Dealing Team), Ticket Seller, Food/Snacks Seller or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of semi-skilled work by

whatever name called.

**Skilled:** Assistant Engine Driver, Electrician, Operator, Projectionist, Polishwala, Painter, Carpenter, Caretaker, Telephone Operator, Soda Fountain Manager, Bar Manager, Booking & other Clerks, Cashier, Publicity Officer, Engine Driver, 1 st Assistant/A.C. Operator, 1 st Assistant Operator or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of skilled work by whatever name called.

**Highly Skilled:** Head Operator, Head A.C. Operator, Head Electrician, Assistant Manager, Supervisor, Accountant or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of highly skilled work by whatever name called.

## **DISTRIBUTION UNITS**

**Unskilled:** Peon, Sweeper, Mali, Bearer, Durwan, Watchman or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of unskilled work by whatever name called.

**Skilled:** Clerks, Accessories Clerks, Shipping, Filing and Mailing Clerks, Representative/Field Inspector, Stenographer, Booker/Salesman, Accountant/Cashier or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of skilled work by whatever name called.

**Highly Skilled:** Manager or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of highly skilled work by whatever name called.

## **PRODUCTION UNITS**

**Unskilled:** Production Boy or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of unskilled work by whatever name called.

**Semi-skilled:** 2nd Assistant Director and/or Continuity man, 2 nd Assistant Cameraman and/or Focus Puller, Assistant Production Manager, Junior Artist C-Grade or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of semi-skilled work by whatever name called.

**Skilled:** Clerks, Driver, Junior Artist Special Grade Child/Old, Junior Artist A-Group with costume + dialogue, Junior Artist B-Group (with dialogue), Cat work or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of skilled work by whatever name called.

**Highly Skilled:** Assistant Cameraman (1 st Asstt.), Assistant Art Director (1 st Asstt.), Stunt Man/ Fighter, Duplicate/Dummy, Effect Man, Dancer A Grade, Dancer B Grade, Dancer C Grade, Asstt. Fight Master, Hair Styler, Costume man, Still Photographer, Make-up Artist or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of highly skilled work by whatever name called.

## **STUDIOS**

**Unskilled:** Office Boy, Durwan, Sweeper and Mali or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of unskilled work by whatever name called.

**Semi-skilled:** 3rd Assistant Cameraman, Camera Mazdoor, Junior Carpenter, Painter, Setting

Mazdoor, Studio Lighting, Electrician, Assistant Make-up-Man, Dresser or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of semi-skilled work by whatever name called.

**Skilled:** 2 nd Assistant Cameraman and/or Focus Puller, Sound Boom Man, Senior Carpenter, Charge-hand setting Mazdoor, Setting Outdoor Indoor, Setting Construction/Art Setting, Studio Maintenance and Shop, Electrician, Clerks, Accountant/Cashier or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of skilled work by whatever name called.

**Highly Skilled:** Assistant Cameraman (1 st Assistant), Assistant Sound Recordist, Modeller/Designer, Title Card Writer, Setting Deptt.-in Charge, Charge-hand Carpenter, Floor Charge hand Lighting Electrician (Head Electrician), Back-ground Painter, Assistant Manager/Laboratory Officer-in-charge or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of highly skilled work by whatever name called.

## **LABORATORIES**

**Unskilled:** Sweeper, Durwan, Watchman, Office Boy or Laboratory Boy, Mali or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of unskilled work by whatever name called.

**Semi-skilled:** Dark room Mazdoor, Sound Mazdoor or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of semi-skilled work by whatever name called.

**Skilled:** Dark room Assistant, Grading Assistant, Assistant Projectionist, Assistant Electrician, Film Checking and Clearing-in-charge, 2 nd Assistant Sound Recordist, Chemical Bath-in-charge, Clerk or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of skilled work by whatever name called.

**Highly Skilled:** Chief Projectionist, Chief Electrician, Maintenance Mechanics, Assistant Sound Recordist, Accountant/Cashier, Assistant Manager/Laboratory Office-in-charge or any other employee engaged in a similar nature of highly skilled work by whatever name called.

- d. To arrive at daily rates, monthly rates shall have to be divided by 26 (to be rounded off to the nearest rupee) and to arrive at weekly rates, daily rates shall have to be multiplied by 6.
- e. A normal working day shall consist of eight and half hours of work including interval for half-an-hour for rest.
- f. One day in any period of seven days as may suit the local convenience shall be the day of weekly rest. The minimum rates of wages include the wages for weekly day of rest. For payment for work done on the day of weekly rest and for work done beyond the normal working hours shall be double the ordinary rate of wages.
- g. Where the existing rates of wages of any employee based on contract or agreement or otherwise are higher than the rates notified herein, the higher rates shall be protected and treated as minimum rates of wages applicable for the purpose of this notification to all such employees.
- h. These minimum rates of wages are applicable to employees employed by contractors also.
- i. The minimum rates of wages for disabled persons shall be same as payable to the workers of appropriate category.
- j. The men and women employees shall get the same rates of wages for the same work or work of similar nature.
- k. The minimum rates of wages and Variable Dearness Allowance, if any, both together shall constitute the minimum rates of wages to be enforceable under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948(11 of 1948).

This is issued with due approval of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.



(Sharmila Khatua)  
Additional Labour Commissioner  
West Bengal

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2. The Labour Commissioner, New Secretariat Building, 11th floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata -700 001.
3. The Secretary (Central Trade Unions/All Chambers of Commerce) \_\_\_\_\_ with the request to circulate this among his constituents.
4. The Joint/Deputy/Assistant Labour Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ with the request to circulate this among the Inspectors, M.W. under his jurisdiction.



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