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ALL-INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NUMBERS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LABOURERS – AUGUST, 2018

1. The All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers (Base: 1986-87=100) for the month of August, 2018 increased by 5 points each to stand at 907 (Nine hundred and seven) and 915 (Nine hundred and fifteen) points respectively.
2. The rise/fall in index varied from State to State. In case of Agricultural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 14 points in 16 States and a decrease of 1 to 3 points in 4 States. Tamil Nadu State with 1047 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 735 points stood at the bottom.
3. In case of Rural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 13 points in 17 States and a decrease of 2 to 4 points in 3 States. Tamil Nadu State with 1040 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 742 points stood at the bottom.
4. The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers of Haryana State registered the maximum increase of 14 points and 13 points respectively mainly due to increase in the prices of wheat-atta, onion, fruits & vegetables, gur, bidi, firewood and washing soap. On the contrary, the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers of Kerala & Karnataka States registered the maximum decrease of 3 points and the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Rural Labourers of Kerala State registered the maximum decrease of 4 points mainly due to fall in the prices of rice, fish-dry and tea readymade.
5. Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL decreased from 2.04% and 2.25% in July, 2018 to 1.45% and 1.67% respectively in August, 2018. Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL and CPI-RL is at (-) 0.47% & (-) 0.46% respectively in August, 2018.
6. All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise)

Group	Agricultural Labourers		Rural Labourers	
	July, 2018	August, 2018	July, 2018	August, 2018
General Index	902	907	910	915
Food	846	853	853	859
Pan, Supari, etc.	1521	1522	1532	1533
Fuel & Light	1031	1039	1026	1033
Clothing, Bedding & Footwear	935	937	946	948
Miscellaneous	930	935	940	944

7. The CPI – AL and RL for the month of September, 2018 will be released on 18th October, 2018.

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