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

1. The All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers (Base: 1986-87=100) for Agricultural Labourers decreased by 1 point to stand at 913 (Nine hundred and thirteen) and remained stationary for Rural Labourers to stand at 921 (Nine hundred and twenty one) points for the month of December, 2018.
2. The fall/rise in index varied from State to State. In case of Agricultural Labourers, it recorded a decrease of 1 to 10 points in 11 States and an increase of 1 to 9 points in 8 States while it remained stationary for the State of Himachal Pradesh. Tamil Nadu State with 1051 points topped the index table whereas Bihar & Himachal Pradesh States with 748 points stood at the bottom.
3. In case of Rural Labourers, it recorded a decrease of 3 to 10 points in 9 States and an increase of 1 to 8 points in 8 States while it remained stationary for Assam & Himachal Pradesh States. Tamil Nadu State with 1045 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 754 points stood at the bottom.
4. The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers of Odisha & Uttar Pradesh States and for Rural Labourers of Odisha State registered the maximum decrease of 10 points mainly due to fall in the prices of wheat-atta, onion, chillies green/dry, fruits & vegetables and gur (jaggery). On the contrary, the Consumer Price Index Numbers of Tamilnadu State for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers registered the maximum increase of 9 points & 8 points respectively mainly due to rise in the prices of rice, bajra, pulses, meat, tea (readymade) and pan-leaf.
5. Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL increased from 0.99% and 1.21% in November, 2018 to 1.44% and 1.66% respectively in December, 2018. Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL and CPI-RL was at (-) 0.35% in December, 2018.
6. All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise)

Group	Agricultural Labourers		Rural Labourers	
	November,2018	December,2018	November,2018	December,2018
<b>General Index</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>921</b>
Food	856	854	861	859
Pan, Supari, etc.	1536	1537	1546	1549
Fuel & Light	1052	1058	1047	1053
Clothing, Bedding & Footwear	950	954	962	967
Miscellaneous	949	950	958	959

7. The CPI – AL and RL for the month of January, 2019 will be released on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

  
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