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ALL-INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NUMBERS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LABOURERS – MARCH, 2019

1. The All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers (Base: 1986-87=100) for the month of March, 2019 increased by 7 points each to stand at 924 (Nine hundred and twenty four) and 932 (Nine hundred and thirty two) 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 11 points in 18 States and a decrease of 1 point in 2 States. Tamil Nadu State with 1063 points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh State with 749 points stood at the bottom.
3. In case of Rural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 11 points in 19 States and a decrease of 1 point in the State of Meghalaya. Tamil Nadu State with 1055 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 766 points stood at the bottom.
4. The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers of Bihar & Uttar Pradesh States registered the maximum increase of 11 points mainly due to rise in the prices of wheat-atta, jowar, bajra, maize and fruits & vegetables. On the contrary, Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers of Himachal Pradesh & Meghalaya States and Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers of Meghalaya State registered the decrease of 1 point each mainly due to fall in the prices of besan, onion, chillies dry, fish-fresh, gur and sugar.
5. Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL increased from 3.15% and 3.24% in February, 2019 to 4.17% and 4.25% respectively in March, 2019. Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL and CPI-RL is at (+) 4.22% & (+) 4.19% respectively in March, 2019.
6. All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise)

Group	Agricultural Labourers		Rural Labourers	
	February,2019	March,2019	February,2019	March,2019
General Index	917	924	925	932
Food	857	865	862	870
Pan, Supari, etc.	1566	1576	1578	1587
Fuel & Light	1059	1061	1053	1056
Clothing, Bedding & Footwear	956	960	970	974
Miscellaneous	956	959	964	968

7. The CPI – AL and RL for the month of April, 2019 will be released on 20th May, 2019.


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