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

1. The All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers (Base: 1986-87=100) for the month of May, 2018 increased by 3 points each to stand at 891 (Eight hundred and ninety one) and 899 (Eight hundred and ninety nine) 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 9 points in 16 States while it recorded a decrease of 4 to 8 points in 4 States. Karnataka State with 1035 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 715 points stood at the bottom.
3. In case of Rural Labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 8 points in 15 States and a decrease of 2 to 7 points in 4 States while it remained stationary in Rajasthan State. Karnataka State with 1022 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 722 points stood at the bottom.
4. The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers of Odisha & West Bengal States registered the maximum increase of 9 points each and index for Rural Labourers of Maharashtra, Odisha & West Bengal States registered the maximum increase of 8 points each mainly due to rise in prices of rice, fruits & vegetables, jowar, ragi, ginger and gur. On the contrary, the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers for Bihar State registered the maximum decrease of 8 & 7 points respectively mainly due to fall in prices of wheat-atta, maize, onion, pulses and pan leaf.
5. Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL increased from 2.07% and 2.28% in April, 2018 to 2.18% and 2.39% respectively in May, 2018. Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL and CPI-RL is at 0.24% and 0.36% respectively in May, 2018.
6. All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise)

| Group                        | Agricultural Labourers |           | Rural Labourers |           |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
|                              | April, 2018            | May, 2018 | April, 2018     | May, 2018 |
| General Index                | 888                    | 891       | 896             | 899       |
| Food                         | 831                    | 834       | 836             | 840       |
| Pan, Supari, etc.            | 1524                   | 1523      | 1534            | 1533      |
| Fuel & Light                 | 1025                   | 1026      | 1020            | 1020      |
| Clothing, Bedding & Footwear | 926                    | 929       | 937             | 940       |
| Miscellaneous                | 919                    | 921       | 928             | 931       |

7. The CPI – AL and RL for June, 2018 will be released on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

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