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**PRESS NOTE**

**ALL-INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NUMBERS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LABOURERS – MAY, 2017**

1. The All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers (Base: 1986-87=100) for the month of May, 2017 increased by 2 points each to stand at 872 (Eight hundred and seventy two) and 878 (Eight hundred and seventy eight) points respectively.
2. The rise/fall in index varied from State to State. In case of Agricultural Labourers, it recorded an increase between 2 to 14 points in 11 States and a decrease of 1 to 8 points in 8 States while it remained stationary in one State. Karnataka with 1050 points topped the index table whereas Bihar with 714 points stood at the bottom.
3. In case of Rural Labourers, it recorded an increase between 2 to 12 points in 11 States and a decrease of 1 to 7 points in 8 States while it remained stationary for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Karnataka with 1040 points topped the index table whereas Bihar State with 718 points stood at the bottom.
4. Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers of Tamilnadu State registered the maximum increase of 14 & 12 points respectively mainly due to rise in the prices of rice, jowar, bajra, ragi, groundnut oil, meat, onion, chillies green, tamarind, bidi, pan-leaf and supari. On the contrary, Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers of Uttar Pradesh State registered the maximum decrease of 8 points and 7 points respectively mainly due to fall in the prices of rice, wheat-atta, pulses, mustard oil, fish fresh, meat, onion, chillies dry, garlic and vegetables & fruits.
5. Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL and CPI-RL decreased from 2.59% and 2.58% in April, 2017 to 1.40% and 1.39% respectively in May, 2017. Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL and CPI-RL turned negative at 0.12% and 0.36% respectively in May, 2017.
6. All-India Consumer Price Index Number (General & Group-wise)

Group	Agricultural Labourers		Rural Labourers	
	April, 2017	May, 2017	April, 2017	May, 2017
<b>General Index</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>878</b>
Food	831	832	836	837
Pan, Supari, etc.	1385	1399	1395	1409
Fuel & Light	985	988	980	983
Clothing, Bedding & Footwear	876	877	891	893
Miscellaneous	860	865	866	871

7. *The CPI - AL/RL for June, 2017 will be released on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.*

  
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