After 8 years, govt to revise minimum daily wages

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Gandhinagar: After a gap of eight years, the Gujarat government has begun the exercise to revise the minimum daily wages of workers in the state. While it has prepared a draft on revised wages for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers, it has already finalized the daily minimum wages for those employed in sweeping and cleaning services.

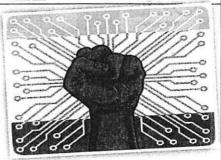
The minimum daily wage for workers of area A (Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation limits) and area B (limits of other seven municipal corporations) will be Rs 452, while it will be Rs 441 for the other parts of the state.

The draft prepared by the state government has bifurcated the state into two zones, with Zone-I comprising areas within the limits of municipal corporations and Zone-II including all the other areas of the state. The draft also defines workers who will be classified under three categories —skilled, semiskilled

PROPOSED HIKE

- The minimum daily wage for a skilled worker is proposed to increase from the existing range of Rs 371-Rs 380 to Rs 462-Rs 474
- daily wage for a semi-skilled worker will be in the range of Rs 452-Rs 461 from the existing range of Rs 363-Rs 371

The minimum



- An unskilled worker will get the minimum daily wage in the range of Rs 441-Rs 451 from the existing range of Rs 355-Rs 363
- The minimum daily wage for a sweeping/cleaning worker has been fixed in the range of Rs 441-452

and unskilled and has listed various industries.

Depending on which zone the workers are in, the draft proposes to increase the minimum daily wage of skilled workers, semi-skilled workers and unskilled workers by around Rs 100.

The government had last revised the minimum wages

for workers on December 26, 2014.

Sources in the government said that while the daily minimum wages for those employed in sweeping and cleaning services were finalized on December 22, 2022, the government will shortly publish the rates for other workers in the next few weeks.