

**TABLE 3 - AVERAGE MINIMUM WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE EARNINGS (RUPEES) BY SECTOR 1995 - 2006**

Year	Average Wage Rates (Daily)			Average Earnings (Daily)		
	Agriculture (1)	Manufacturing	Construction	Agriculture (1)	Manufacturing	Construction
1995	64.64	70.10	86.00	78.84	145.35	172.61
1996	72.83	75.10	86.00	78.94	151.16	175.23
1997	82.00	77.74	86.00	87.40	166.30	209.50
1998	88.30	84.06	91.42	100.72	174.17	247.55
1999	94.81	89.47	99.00	96.89	199.20	241.11
2000	96.14	93.42	99.00	103.12	221.11	285.99
2001	100.96	105.06	155.00	112.11	230.66	263.12
2002	107.69	111.04	155.00	128.72	273.27	259.63
2003	114.60	114.52	155.00	138.43	306.28	276.42
2004	119.53	123.72	155.00	152.94	310.84	335.70
2005	127.52	126.31	178.50	178.47	336.49	416.75
2006	147.94	128.51	178.50	206.33	356.11	424.55

- Note :**
1. There is no official minimum wage for Agricultural sector, these rates are averages of Plantation sector. i.e. Tea Growing, Rubber Growing, Coconut Growing and Cocoa Cardomen & Pepper Growing trades.
  2. Wage Rates and Earnings are for the skilled and unskilled workers of the Wages Board Trades.