

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) Agricultural wages constitute one of the major items of cost of production of various crops. Consequently, data on agricultural wages prevailing in selected villages/centres, spread over the length and breadth of the country, is collected by the Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Ministry of Agriculture, on monthly basis.

(2) Data related to agricultural year, i.e. July – June.

(3) Simple arithmetic averages (monthly and annual) has been worked out on the basis of received daily wages for different villages/centers as reported in the monthly returns from the State Governments.

(4) Field labour includes ploughmen, sowers, reapers, harvesters, weeders and transplanters, etc. The States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra, do not give operation-wise details as they furnish the data for the group (i.e. field labour) as a whole. On the other hand all the remaining States figuring in present publication furnish operation-wise data.

(5) Normal daily working hours do not exceed 8 in any of the reporting villages/centers.

(6) The proforma prescribed for the purpose in at Appendix I.

(7) The data, as per the prescribed proforma, is collected on monthly basis. The primary reporting agencies are required to send the returns pertaining to a particular month, by 2<sup>nd</sup> of the succeeding month, to the concerned district headquarters. After scrutiny and Consolidation, the authorities at district Hqrs., forwarded them to their respective State Hqrs. which in turn send them to DES immediately so that they receive the letter positively by the end of the second week of the succeeding month. Thus the concerned authorities at the district Hqrs. are responsible not only for the accuracy of the data furnished but also for their timely submission to their State Hqrs.

(8) The wages paid could either be in cash or in kind or in both cash and kind. Hence, the total of the wages in cash as well as the money value of the wages paid in kind to be given in the proforma.

(9) Such information on the prevailing wages is collected from each district of the State. However, some of the States/UTs have not been sending the information. And in respect of the States, which are sending the data, the coverage i.e. the number of Districts and villages/centres covered is not sufficient. They are being requested to enlarge the coverage.

M – Man

W – Woman

C – Child

– denotes data not available.