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KEA IN THE NEWS

KARNATAKA: INDUSTRIES URGE GOVT TO APPEAL HC ORDER ON MINIMUM WAGES

The Economic Times Bengaluru, edition has published the above news report stating that “The Karnataka state government has come under pressure from industry bodies to appeal a recent judgment of the High Court on minimum wages as they fear a steep increase could land manufacturing units and service industry in trouble. The minimum wages in the neighbouring states, they have said in representations to the government, are less, and a further hike could make them less competitive compared to the industries in towns in neighbouring states. The minimum wages in Karnataka are the second highest in the country, and another round of increase could hurt the state’s investment prospects.” A state with an advantage in labour costs is better positioned to attract investments and take away jobs, a situation Karnataka could ill-afford, the statement of Mr. B C Prabhakar, President KEA is reported as under:

“The recent increase itself has been very steep. Any further increase could tilt the balance in favour of industrial suburbs in the neighbouring states.”

1. The Economic Times

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/karnataka-industries-urge-govt-to-appeal-hc-order-on-minimum-wages/articleshow/104864680.cms>



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2. A clipping of a news report published by the Economic Times is given below:



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