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To
All Members of The Association

KEA IN THE NEWS

VIEWS OF KEA PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPERS

Regarding the notification issued by the Government of Karnataka revising Minimum Wages for the 81 scheduled employments, the views of Mr. B.C. Prabhakar, President, Karnataka Employers' Association (KEA), have received extensive coverage in leading newspapers. His observations are reproduced below:

"The final notification violated Karnataka High Court direction and also the rule of law.

"We had opposed the minimum wage revision since it makes the operations unviable due to very high wage. Besides it could reduce flow of investments. With the four Industrial Codes coming into force, this notification based on the repealed Minimum Wages Act, 1948, is void. We will approach the court," he said. A number of employers are likely to meet on Monday to decide the future course of action."

Link to the newspapers:

- **The Hindu:**

[https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/minimum-wages-garment-beedi-and-plantation-among-19-employments-yet-to-see-revision/article71014237.ece#:~:text=Range%20of%20revision,Bengaluru%20Area%20\(GBA\)%20region.](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/minimum-wages-garment-beedi-and-plantation-among-19-employments-yet-to-see-revision/article71014237.ece#:~:text=Range%20of%20revision,Bengaluru%20Area%20(GBA)%20region.)

- **Deccan Herald:**

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/karnataka-govt-hikes-minimum-wages-rs-23300-must-for-unskilled-work-in-bengaluru-4013828>

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