

Circular No – 033/2026

Date: 03-06-2026

To
All Members of The Association

KEA IN THE NEWS

WRIT PETITION FILED BY KEA CHALLENGING MINIMUM WAGES NOTIFICATION DATED 22.05.2026 – COVERAGE IN THE MEDIA

1. The Government of Karnataka, by a notification dated 22.05.2026 issued under the Minimum Wages Act, revised the minimum wages payable across several scheduled employments in the State. Under the notification, the Government increased the minimum wages by 60%. The employers felt that such an increase is not only arbitrary but will economically ruin the industries concerned. With a view to protecting the interest of its members, the Association filed a Writ Petition challenging the notification dated 22.05.2026.
2. The matter was taken up by the Hon'ble High Court for a preliminary hearing on 02.06.2026. The Hon'ble High Court, after hearing the Senior Counsel for the Association, issued a notice to the Government.
3. The matter has received extensive coverage in leading newspapers and media platforms.

Link to the newspaper:

- **Deccan Herald:**
<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/karnataka-hc-issues-notice-to-state-govt-over-petition-challenging-increase-in-minimum-wages-4025019>
- **The Times of India:**
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/employers-association-moves-karnataka-high-court-over-minimum-wage-hike-notification/articleshow/131470188.cms>

