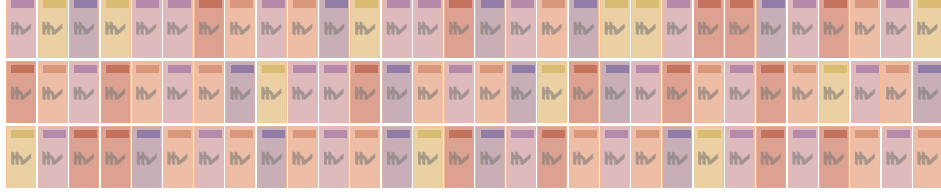


Tea Worker Wage Comparison

Daily wage for tea plantation workers in Assam, India



— **Rs 897 | \$14.95**

A 125 gram package of Twinings' "Assam" loose leaf tea costs 897 rupees, over 9.5 times the daily wage of the tea garden workers who pick it

Rs 254 | \$4.23

Workers on tea plantations in Kerala, India earn 254 rupees per day, nearly 3 times the wage in Assam

Rs 224 | \$3.73

Unlike Assam, in Kerala tea garden workers earn 30 rupees over the minimum wage of 224 rupees per day

Rs 169 | \$2.81

Minimum wage in the state of Assam is 169 rupees per day for an unskilled laborer

Rs 94 | \$1.57

Tea plantation workers in Assam earn 94 rupees per day *before deductions* for housing, electricity, healthcare and others basic amenities

The Stark Reality

Despite producing almost 1/6th of the world's tea, plantation workers on tea gardens in Assam, India earn around \$1.50 a day due to colonial-era wage policies.

Corporations owning the gardens are expecting a turnover of Rs 33,000 crore, over \$5.4 billion USD, annually by 2015 while their workers live in abject poverty and social isolation.

Daily wage for worker in

Assam

Daily wage for worker in

Kerala

Cost for 125 grams of Twinings'

"Assam" Tea