**Tea Worker Wage Comparison**

**Daily wage for tea plantation workers in Assam, India**

- **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 20 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.

**Cost for 125 grams of Twinings’ “Assam” Tea**

- **Rs 777 | $12.95**
  - A 125 gram package of Twinings' “Assam” loose leaf tea costs 777 rupees, over 8 times the daily wage of the tea garden workers who pick it.

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**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 32,000 crore, over $5.4 billion USD, annually by 2015 while their workers live in abject poverty and social isolation.