

Governor Mimiko to reach a mutual agreement with workers on the payment of the proposed minimum wage

The decision of the Ondo State Government on the payment of the proposed minimum wage would be reached in a mutual agreement with workers after the National Assembly's pronouncement.

These were the words of Ondo State Governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko as he led workers before God in prayers to usher in Year 2011 at the first working day. ***"We are waiting for National Assembly to pronounce on the minimum wage, thereafter, we will sit down and talk. Just have patience and by the grace of Almighty God, whatever is best for our state will be done for workers in this state"*** he said.

This clarification has become necessary in view of the misleading headline in an Akure based Newspapers of Thursday, 6th January, 2011 which has equally led to insinuations that the Governor has approved the payment of the new minimum wage.

Government views the Newspaper's publication as misleading, capable of putting the government and workers on collision course.

Let it be known that government cannot jump over and above the National Assembly to make such pronouncement; otherwise, it will amount to usurping the powers and functions of the National Assembly.

The Ondo State Government has equally not refused or agreed on the payment until categorical decision is made by the National Assembly and a mutual agreement is reached between the Ondo State Government and the workforce.

It must also be stated that the interest and welfare of workers is uppermost in the heart of the present government and as such there is the need for patience and caution, while decisions on the salary increase are reached.

Mr. Governor's prayer is that the good Lord will enrich the entire people of Ondo State with wealth that has no iota of sorrow.

He solicited greater co-operation in the New Year, as the people cannot afford to sleep and slumber but rise on as soldiers in God's own determination to turn around the fortune of Ondo State.

The Governor assured: "We will continue to work for our people in this state; we believe our mission is divine and I'm sure the good Lord will always be with you.

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