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After prolonged tripartite wage negotiations, tea plantation workers of West Bengal finally reached a wage agreement last February. However, the wages in the new agreement continue to be below statutory minimum levels and are almost half the wages that plantation workers receive in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Plantations in West Bengal and Assam continue to prosper even as they deny workers humane conditions of work that are mandated by the Plantations Labour Act 1951.

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