

West Bengal Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme-2010

1. Background

Following the enactment of the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act 2008 by the Government of India, The West Bengal State Social Security Board was constituted under the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal vide Notification NO. 1025-IR dated 06/11/2009 in terms of Sub-Section (1) of Section 6 of the said Act. The Board recommended for adoption of a scheme for the social security of the transport workers of the State and accordingly, the scheme under the name of **West Bengal Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2010** was introduced under Labour Department, I R Branch Resolution No. 907-IR/E1EIL/1-A-4/110 dated 13th August 2010.

2. Eligibility

It applies to all unorganised workers, between 18 and 60 years of age, engaged in automobiles used for commercial purposes namely cars, taxies, luxury taxis, light commercial vehicles, vans, auto-rickshaws, tempos, lorries, trucks, bus, etc. or by whatever name called, other than those solely owned by an individual for his personal or family use.

3. Benefits

The various benefits admissible under this scheme have recently been enhanced. The details of these benefits are as follows;

- i. Pension on attaining the age of 60 years @1500/- p.m. with an increase of Rs 10/- for each completed year of enrolment as a beneficiary in excess of five years provided that the beneficiary has remained under the scheme for a continuous period of not less than five years.
- ii. Family pension @50% of the amount last drawn by the beneficiary.
- iii. Financial assistance @ Rs 2,00,000/- in case of Accidental Death and @Rs 50,000/- only in case of Normal Death of the beneficiary.
- iv. A beneficiary if hospitalized for five or more days due to an accident shall be assisted @ Rs 400/- per day for the first five days up to a maximum of Rs 10,000/- and @ Rs 200/- per day for the remaining period of hospitalization
- v. A beneficiary or any member of his family suffering from any major diseases like Cancer, Leprosy, T.B, brain stroke (introduced w.e.f 15.05.2013), cardiac problems, malfunctioning of kidney(s), AIDS, Eye Ailments (introduced w.e.f 12.10.2012), Vericosis of Vein (introduced w.e.f 12.10.2012), or Thalassemia requiring hospitalisation and treatment is allowed relief upto Rs. 20,000/-..
- vi. In case of auto and taxi drivers only, cashless medical benefits shall be provided up to Rs. 30,000/- only.
- vii. In case of Surgical operation, relief shall be allowed up to Rs.1,00,000/- only for self and Rs. 1,50,000/- only for family members including self per annum.
- viii. An assistance of Rs.25,000/- only shall be allowed to a beneficiary towards marriage of his or her dependent daughter, as the case may be. Such benefit shall be allowed twice in life time with an interval of 5 years w.e.f. 01.03.2015..

- ix. Assistance for education of a maximum of two children of a beneficiary @ 4000/-for Higher Secondary/Diploma,@ Rs 6000/- for Graduation /Diploma,@ Rs 10000/- for Post-Graduation, @ 30,000/- for Engineering/ Medical. Benefits under this provision have cumulative effect.

Progress at a Glance under WBTWSSS

Total no of beneficiaries enrolled up to 31.03.2015	2,51,465
Cumulative amount of registration fees collected up to 31.03.2015	75,43,950/-
Total amount of cess collected up to 31.03.2015	67,78,13,808/- (unaudited)
Total amount of benefit disbursed	17,56,11,987/-
No of beneficiaries benefitted	26,589