

Proceedings of the 7th meeting of the reconstituted West Bengal Social Security Board held on 04.02.2021 at 2.00 P. M. in the Conference Hall of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, New Secretariate Buildings, 8th Floor, 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700001

Members present in the meeting:

1. Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, Chairman;
2. Shri Barun Kumar Roy, IAS, Principal Secretary, Labour Department and Member;
3. Shri Abhinav Chandra, IAS, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Member Secretary;
4. Shri Abhijit Bhattacharya, Joint Secy, MSME & T Dept, Government of West Bengal
5. Shri Debanjan Chakrabarty, Secretary, CITU
6. Qamaruzzaman Qamar, INTTUC
7. Shri Shibnath Sarkar, President, Purba Medinipur District Nirman Karmachari Union, Member;
8. Shri Niharendu Dutta, BMS, Representative;
9. Shri Ujjwal Mukherjee, BMS Representative

Other officials present:

1. Smt. Sharmila Khatua, CEO, WBTWSSS and Additional Labour Commissioner
2. Shri Dipak Sarkar, Joint Labour Commissioner & Addl. CEO of WBTWSSS
3. Shri Tridibesh Chatterjee, Joint Labour Commissioner(P), SSY Cell, Kolkata
4. Smt. Debasree Roy, Joint Labour Commissioner(P) & Addl. CEO of WBTWSSS
5. Smt. Bidisha Bhattacharya, Joint Labour Commissioner(P), Kolkata
6. Shri Debjyoti Bose, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), SSY Cell, Kolkata
7. Shri Syamaprasad Kundu, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), SSY Cell, Kolkata
8. Shri Priyanka Kumar Banerjee, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), SSY Cell, Kolkata

Hon'ble Chairman of the Board and Minister in Charge, Labour Department, Govt of West Bengal took the chair and welcomed the members of the Board and the officials. Then he requested the CEO of the Board to initiate the agenda wise discussion.

An agenda wise discussion followed thereafter:-

Agenda No 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 6th meeting of the Board

The 6th meeting of the West Bengal State Social Security Board was held on 15.07.2020 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department in the Conference Hall of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, New Secretariate Buildings, 8th Floor. The proceedings of the said meeting were sent to the members vide Memo no. _____ and was placed for approval.

it was discussed and approved unanimously.

Agenda No 2: Action Taken Report

As per proceedings of the 6th meeting, Action Taken Report on 1) Adoption of BMSSY; 2) Health and Family Welfare benefit; 3) Education benefit 4) Approval of pension cases 5) Waiving of ceiling on Cess and 6) Rates of hired vehicle, was placed before the members of the Board for their kind appraisal.

Agenda No. 3 – Making necessary amendments in concerned Rules of the Scheme in consonance with the new scheme BMSSY

The Notification of BMSSY has been published on 05.10.2020 and the process of making new Rules and Regulations of BMSSY is under process. The existing Rules of the Scheme WBTWSSS may need to be amended in future from time to time to maintain conformity with the spirit of the new scheme BMSSY and Rules made thereunder. This is placed before the Board for discussions and approval.

The proposal is approved unanimously by the members of the Board.

Agenda No. 4 – Introducing procedures to facilitate faster implementation and roll out of the Scheme.

Official works under the Government of West Bengal has entered into electronic mode a few years back to avoid complexity involved in conventional mode. Keeping in view of that situation, changes are being introduced into the works of Board in phased manner to reduce physical contact points as far as practicable. Proposals are placed before the Board members, to approve introduction of beneficiary friendly work structure on 'as and when required' basis to facilitate faster implementation of the Scheme.

The proposal was approved by the members of the Board. Under this issue, the members of the Board observed that the necessary Forms under BMSSY, which are to be filled up by the beneficiaries, may be kept as simple as possible.

Agenda No 5: Miscellaneous

A. The web portal of erstwhile SSY has been replaced by a new web portal having URL bmssy.wblabour.gov.in developed by NIC. Henceforth funds for benefit distribution may be transferred to the RLOs through this new web portal under BM-SSY.

This has been placed for the information of the Board members.

B. 646 numbers of new pension cases have been released by the Board during the month of January, 2021 for distribution in the Shramik Melas.

This has been placed before the Board for post facto approval. The approval has been accorded by the Board members.

- C. As approved by the Board, **Chartered Accountant Firms** are engaged for doing audit for the F.Y. 2019-20. It was proposed before the Board members that their engagement contract may be renewed for another year i.e. for F.Y. 2020-21 after finalising the official procedures.
The Board members accorded approval to this proposal.
- D. It was proposed that a **social security fortnight** may be observed from 08.02.2021 to 22.02.2021 throughout the State, in which camps up to the G.P. level will be organised with the collaboration of Government and Trade Unions for spreading awareness and enrolment of BMSSY.
This proposal was accepted unanimously by the Board members.
- E. **Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Board for the F.Y. 2019-20** was placed before the Board members for discussion and approval.
Approval to the Statement of Account as placed was accorded by the Board members.
- F. It was resolved in the Board meeting that a **pension module** will be added to the existing designated portal of the BMSSY for speedy and hassle free disposal of the pension cases.
- G. It was resolved in the Board meeting that the **proceedings** of the past Board meetings will be uploaded into the designated portal of the Labour Department, West Bengal, i.e. **wblc.gov.in**

During the discussion on the above mentioned issues, some observations were made by the members, which are given below:-

- 1) Representatives of CITU raised objection on introduction of Swasthysathi into the BMSSY
- 2) Representatives of CITU raised objection on changes in the structure in education benefit under BMSSY
- 3) Representatives of CITU raised objection on redirecting the Cess to the Government Treasury
- 4) Representatives of CITU requested the Chair to consult them before notifying the amended Rules and Regulations of BMSSY

There being no other issues for discussion, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.



(Moloy Ghatak)

Chairman, West Bengal State social Security Board

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Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department

Govt. of West Bengal