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Proceedings of the 4th meeting of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Board held on 6/7/2009 in the chamber of the MIC, Labour, Writers Buildings, Kolkata 700001

Hon'ble MOS and Vice Chairman of the Board chaired the meeting.

The list of persons who attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure I.

At the request of the Vice Chairman, the proceeding of the last meeting held on 10/6/09 was read out by the Secretary to the Board. The following points were discussed/ confirmed in the meeting:-

1. The proceeding of the last Board meeting held on 10/6/2009 were confirmed by the members present.
2. Necessary Government Order dated 2/7/2001 for engagement of retired persons against Group C and Group D vacancies under the Labour Directorate was issued after necessary concurrence and approval of the Finance Department and Cabinet.
3. The problem relating to the engagement of SLOs (Self Employed Labour Organisers) has been sorted out with issuance of order no 1050-G.E dated 30/4/2009, where in Assistant Labour Commissioners are authorised to act as RLWC (Regional Labour Welfare Commissioner) for engaging the SLOs.
4. It is expected that backlog of pending applications under SASPFUW would be processed expeditiously in a time bound manner.
5. A scheme should be formulated expeditiously for the benefit of transport workers. These benefits would be in addition to those already available under the SASPFUW Scheme.
6. Regarding framing of Welfare Scheme for transport workers further discussions would be held between the secretaries of the Transport and Labour department shortly to evolve a mechanism for introduction and effective implementation of the scheme.
7. It is also observed that Motor Transport Workers Act would be examined to see whether the welfare provisions under the said Act can be extended to give shape to the scheme.
8. Once the outline of the scheme is formulated, necessary concurrence would be obtained from the all the concerned Government Departments such as Transport, Finance and Law departments.
9. Steps need to be taken for communicating the enhanced rate of commission payable to collecting agents working in different block and municipal areas. Steps also need to be taken to communicate periodically with the collection agents so that they are able to reach out to the unorganized workers and facilitate the collection and deposition of subscriptions on a regular basis.
10. The Government has issued orders reallocating the duties of its officials as follows:
 - a. Sri A K Raychaudhuri, Joint Secretary Labour Department shall act as Secretary to the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, in place of Sri I Sengupta, Joint Secretary, Labour Department.
 - b. Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, shall act as Member Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Council under the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Board.
11. Secretary, Labour Department highlighted the need for initiation of a process of engaging an agency for reconciliation and verification of accounts from available records and registers of SASPFUW in the offices of MWI/ ALC/ banks for correct and accurate accounting which is essential for the smooth implementation of the scheme. He further stated that such reconciliation and verification will enable smooth


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operationalisation of the proposed data entry/ digitization and computerization to be undertaken in respect of SASPFUW. Members approved the proposal.

12. The concept of common service centres working under Panchayat and Rural Development Department and the number of such centres functional throughout the State would be circulated to all the board members as involvement of such centres is being contemplated in the effective implementation of social security schemes in future at the grass root level.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.


Vice Chairman 24/07/09