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Proceedings of the 5th meeting of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board held in the office of the Board at 6th Floor, B-Block, New Secretariat Buildings, Kolkata-1 on 28.07.2009 at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present in the meeting.

- Sri Anadi Kumar Sahu, Minister of State, Labour Department and Vice-Chairman,
- Sri Talleen Kumar, I.A.S., Secretary, Labour Department,
- Sri S.Chakrabarti, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal,
- Sri A.K.Roychowdhury, I.A.S., Joint Secretary, Labour Department & Secretary of the Board,
- Sri Susanta Majumder, I.A.S., Director of Employment,
- Smt Aparna Dutta, Joint Secretary, M&SSE&T Department,
- Sri Subal Biswas, Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal,
- Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & CEO,
- Sri Ashok Ghosh, General Secretary, UTUC,
- Sri Biswanath Saha, AITUC,
- Sri Pramathes Sen, General Secretary, INTUC,
- Sri Prabir Kumar Banerjee, TUCC,
- Sri Hossain Hazari, Executive Officer, Bengal Brick Field Owners' Association,
- Sri Kamalesh Saha, Bengal Hosiery Manufacturers' Association.

Hon'ble Minister of State, Labour and Vice- Chairman of the Board initiated discussions and requested the Secretary of the Board to state the agenda. The Joint Secretary, Labour Department and Secretary of the Board mentioned the agenda items of the discussions. He informed the Board members that the government has provided the Board with a sum of Rs. 11, 35, 20,000/- initially for proper execution and implementation of SASPFUW and the said sum was to be sub-allotted to the Regional offices of the Board. The Board members were informed that the Secretary of the Board has been made a permanent invitee to the Executive Council and Labour Secretary and Labour Commissioner would be requested to be present in a meeting of the Executive Council as and when required.

After a threadbare discussion, following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. The proceeding of the 4th meeting of the Board held on 06.07.09 were confirmed.

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2. The decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.07.09 were ratified.
3. The checking of records of SASPFUW as maintained by the office of Labour Directorate for Kolkata District on a pilot basis as detailed in the relevant government resolutions, would be done by one Chartered Accountant firm competent in audit of commercial accounts. It was decided that M/s Rustagi & Associates would be engaged to undertake these verification work as a pilot project for SASPFUW records upto 2005-06. The cost of such verification work would be borne by the Board. The report of such checking would be placed before the Board for further action to be taken in this regard.
4. Computerization of SASPFUW records would be done and an on-line web-based system would be developed by a reputed vendor selected through a transparent tender process. The draft RFP (Request for proposal) document for inviting tenders was approved by the Board along with changes suggested by the Special Committee constituted for the purpose. A committee for Bid evaluation for selection of vendors for computerization of SASPFUW records as well as for periodic monitoring of the work of selected vendor was approved as follows :-
 - a. Labour Commissioner, West Bengal – Chairman
 - b. Sri A.K. Roychowdhury, Joint Secretary, Labour Department and Secretary, WBUSWW Board -- Member
 - c. Dr. Subir Roy, NIC, West Bengal Unit – Member,
 - d. Prof. Chandan Majumder, Jadavpur University—Member
 - e. Sri Biswanath Chakraborty, Chief Controller of Finance, WBUSWW Board—Member
 - f. Sri Aziz Rasul, CEO, WBUSWW Board –Member- Convener.
5. The government would be moved for additional funds required for such computerization if such a need arises.
6. The government would be moved to accord necessary approval to amend Clause (2) of the scheme introduced under Labour Department Resolution Nos. 180-I.R. dated 24.01.01 and 305-I.R. dated 19.02.2001 as below:

‘All wage employed and self employed workers between the age of 18 and 60 years in the unorganised sector in the State of West Bengal and having an average family income of not more than Rs.6,500/- per month are eligible to be covered under the scheme. The eligibility ceiling of family income may be re-fixed by the State Government from time to time’.

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Labour Department would also be moved to amend Clause No.3 of the scheme so that M.L.A., M.P., Sabhadhipati, Z.P., Prodhans of Gram Panchayet of the area could certify the eligibility of the applicants and attest the photographs for enrolment under SASPFUW.

In order to enable the subscriber to continue with his account under SASPFUW where he has failed to contribute for three consecutive financial years, it was decided that the government would be moved to amend Clause 4(a) of resolution no. 881-I.R. dated 06.08.07 as follows:

“The account of a subscriber will be automatically closed if he does not make any contribution continuously for three financial years provided that such account shall be revived by the Regional Labour Welfare Commissioner (RLWC) i.e. ALC w.e.f. the current financial year on an application made by the subscriber stating reasons for such non- payment and found to be sufficient by such RLWC. No arrear contribution shall , however, be allowed.”

7. The government would be moved to accord necessary approval for payment of Rs.5/- to the collecting agents as commission for initial registration of beneficiary and data entry for subscribers of SASPFUW scheme per subscriber as proposed to be paid to SLOs under Labour Department's order No.2415-G.E Dated 06.12.2007.
8. Expenditure@Re 1/- per subscriber towards disposal of about 65000 applications pending for enrolment under SASPFUW would be met out of Board's fund. The government would be requested for necessary fund.
9. The State Government be requested to reverse the committee for selection of SLOs in the following manner :-

i) For Blocks:

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| • Sabhapati, Panchayat Samity | - | Chairman |
| • BDO | - | Vice-Chairman |
| • MP / One representative of the
Local MP | - | Member |
| • Local MLA or his representative | - | Member |
| • MWI | - | Member-Secretary |

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ii) For Municipalities :

- SDO - Chairman
- ALC - Vice-Chairman
- MP/One representative of Local MP - Member
- MLA/One representative of MLA - Member
- Representatives of Chairman/Mayor
of Municipalities/Corporation - Member
- MWI of the RLO - Member-Secretary

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

Anadi Kumar Sahu 14.08.09.
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**Minister of State, Labour Department &
Vice-Chairman.**