

Proceedings of the 3rd Meeting of the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board held on 19.07.2006 at 3.30 PM at Writers' Buildings in the chamber of the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board, Sri Mrinal Banerjee./

1. The meeting was presided over by the Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, West Bengal & Chairman of the Board. Hon'ble MOS for Labour was also present in the meeting.

A) Members present in the meeting:-

- i) Dr. Subesh Kumar Das, I.A.S. -- Secretary, Labour Deptt.
- ii) Sri P.K. Banerjee -- Chief Inspector of Factories.
- iii) Sri N. Hasan -- Labour Commissioner, W.B.
- iv) Sri N.K. Prasad -- Welfare Commissioner, Government of India.
- v) Sri K.C. Mandal -- Jt. Secretary, Municipal Affairs Deptt.
- vi) Sri Lakshman Seth -- CITU
- vii) Sri Dilip Bhattacharya -- UTUC (Lenin Sarani).
- viii) Sri Basudeb Gupta -- AITUC
- ix) Sri S.S. Chawdhary -- Bharat Chamber of Commerce.

B) Other Officers present:-

- i) Sri I. Sengupta -- Addl. Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Secretary to the Board.
- ii) Sri M. Surai, I.A.S. -- OSD & Special Secretary, Labour Department.
- iii) Sri D.K. Chattopadhyaya (II) -- OSD, Labour Directorate.
- iv) Sri Ajay Bhattacharyya -- Deputy L.C., West Bengal.
- v) Sri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty -- Deputy L.C., West Bengal.

2. At the request of the Chairman of the Board, the Secretary of the Board initiated the discussions. He read out the Proceedings of the 2nd meeting of the Board held on 2.1.06 which was duly confirmed by the Members.

It was mentioned by the Secretary to the Board that as per resolution of the earlier Board meeting, an account in the name of "West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Fund" had already been opened at the Institutional Banking Division, State Bank of India, Kolkata Main Branch on 16.01.2006. He further stated that accounts had also been opened in different Branches of the State Bank of India throughout the State at the location of Regional Labour Offices only for depositing the subscription and registration fees received from the beneficiary-workers. These Branches had been instructed to transfer the balance lying in the respective bank accounts to the main account at Kolkata HQ every 15 days.

Secretary to the Board also mentioned for information of the Members that a total amount of money standing at the credit of the Board was around Rs. 9 lakhs. It was also mentioned by him that inspite of various constraints, about 12 thousand building workers could be enrolled as beneficiaries up to 31.03.2006. He further stated that attempts were being made for registration of establishments and collection of cess under the Cess Act and Cess Rules. The officers of the Labour Department throughout the State had already been advised in this regard. Moreover, the Hon'ble MOS and the Labour Deptt. officials had been visiting different districts to create awareness among all concerned, particularly among the trade unions for making the implementation of the Act a success. He also referred to the absence of adequate office space, staff, accounting procedures; financial rules of the Board and requested for paying proper attention to the problem.

Thereafter threadbare discussions on different aspects of the law and its implementation were held. Members present in the meeting deliberated on such discussion.

Chairman of the Board, however, stressed on registration of establishment and collection of cess. Ultimately the following decisions were arrived at:-

- a) A small committee would be formed to look after the work relating to registration of beneficiaries, registration of establishment and collection of cess.
- b) Hon'ble MIC, Hon'ble MOS, Labour Deptt. and Secretary, Labour would meet every two months to oversee the progress of the work.
- c) A monthly target for registration of establishment should be fixed in seven days time.
- d) Hon'ble MIC & Chairman of the Board and Hon'ble MOS, Labour would make it convenient to meet the Builders' Association in about two weeks time.
- e) Stock position of required forms and materials was to be verified from the Regional ALCs by the Secretary to the Board.
- f) A small booklet in Bengali containing the salient features of the Act and Rules, benefits to be rendered by the Board, procedure of registration of beneficiaries, collection of cess etc. should be made ready at the earliest.
- g) There should be adequate press coverage of the provisions of the law.
- h) Municipal Affairs Deptt. would issue executive instructions to all Corporations, Municipalities and Notified Areas under it for implementation of the provision of the law with emphasis on cess collection and registration of establishments.

The Meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.



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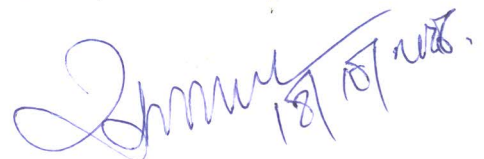
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Minister-in-Charge, Labour Deptt.
&
Chairman
West Bengal Building and Other
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West Bengal
&
The Secretary, WBBCCWWB.