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Proceedings of the 6th meeting of the W.B. Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Board held on 28.01.2010 at 4.00 p.m. in the chamber of Hon'ble Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-1

The members and other officials present in the meeting are:

1. Sri Anadi Kumar Sahu, Chairman & Hon'ble Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department, W.B.
2. Sri Talleen Kumar, IAS, Secretary to the Government of W.B., Labour Department and Member.
3. Sri Satyabrata Chakrabarti, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Member.
4. Aariz Aftab, IAS, Director, ESI and Member.
5. Sri S. Majumdar, IAS, Director, Employment and Member.
6. Sri Asoke Kumar Patra, Joint Secretary, M.A. Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal & Member.
7. Sri Ajoy Bhattacharya, Secretary, W.B.B.O.C.W. Welfare Board and Member.
8. Sri Kamales Saha, B.H.M.A, Member.
9. Sri Indranil Sengupta, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Labour Department, West Bengal.
10. Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and CEO, WBUSWW Board.
11. Sri A.K. Roychowdhury, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Labour Deptt, WB, & Secretary, WBUSWW Board.

Hon'ble Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department and Chairman, W.B. Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Board took the chair and requested the Secretary of the Board to initiate the discussion as per agenda. The Secretary of the Board stated the agenda items and briefed the members on the present position of computerization of SASPFUW records as per decision of the fifth meeting of the Board. Shri Bhudeb Chakravarti, General Manager, NISG and Chief officer of the Project Management Consultant team for computerization of SASPFUW records also attended the meeting as a special invitee for this meeting and briefed the members about the manner in which the proposed computerization shall take place. Secretary of the Labour Department briefed the members about the discussions of the meeting of the Sub Committee National Social Security Board constituted under the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 held on 11.11.09 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar in Main Committee Room, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi. The Secretary of the Board also briefed the members regarding other agenda items. It was also mentioned that the following proposals shall be discussed on the day's meeting as Miscellaneous item with the permission of the Chair.

Miscellaneous agenda item proposals:

- 1) Proposal regarding the rate of interest on the accumulated amount under SASPFUW:

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Vide memo no. 303 – SPGE / G/4A-04/2001 (Pt. IV) dated 11.09.06, the government declared the rate of interest to be 8% for the financial year 2005-06 towards accumulated amount under SASPFUW. Since then, there has been no order declaring the rate of interest on the accumulated fund of the subscribers enrolled with the scheme. The rate of interest is to be decided and communicated to the Finance Department of this government for approval

- 2) The CEO and another officer of the Board to be inducted in the Board as permanent invitee.
- 3) A fund to the tune of Rs.3, 11, 74,000/- is lying unused with the Board on account of matching contribution. It is to be considered whether this unused fund can be used temporarily for the purposes of meeting the pending expenses towards commission payable to the collecting agents and record maintenance by the retired persons and SLOs. Advance may be drawn from the unused fund for the purpose and advance thus drawn shall be adjusted on receipt of necessary fund from the government.
- 4) Engagement of one audit firm for the purpose of auditing the financial transactions of the Board.
- 5) Additional manpower requirement for the head office of the Board at Kolkata.

After threadbare discussions, the following decisions were arrived at:


1. The proceeding of the fifth meeting of the board dated 28.7.2009 was confirmed.
2. The decisions arrived at the meeting of the Executive Council held on 10.09.09, 03.12.2009, 15.12.09 were ratified.
3. The decisions of the Executive Council to accept the bid proposal of M/S ITC Infotech India Ltd. being lowest (L-1) for computerization programme was ratified, following approval of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No.2004 Group 'N' Dated 11.01.2010.
4. The proposal for Project Management Unit (PMU) as submitted by NISG was also approved and it was decided to engage them as PMU for the project of computerization of SASPFUW records. The powers, functions and responsibilities of the Secretary to this Board as approved by the Labour Department was ratified.

The rate of interest paid on accumulated amount of the beneficiaries under SASPFUW was @ 8% for the financial years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10. The State Government shall be requested to give post-facto approval to this. It was also decided that such rate of interest shall be at par with GPF interest rate for a particular year in future and Govt. shall be requested to give one time approval to such proposal.



7. The proposal to use temporarily the unused amount to the tune of Rs.3,11,74,000/- on account of matching contribution for the purpose of meeting the pending expenses towards commission of Collecting Agents, Retired persons and SLOs. was dropped as Finance Department had already released fund for the above purpose.
8. One audit firm would be engaged for the purpose of auditing the financial transactions of the Board.
9. The CEO and another officer of the Board will be the permanent invitee to the Board. Apart from this one representative or NISG shall be a permanent invitee of the Board for one year.
10. The Board members may submit their comments on the report submitted by M/s Rustagi & Associates regarding verification of SASPFUW records and thereafter it would be decided whether similar verification of records would be taken up for other offices.
11. Regarding additional manpower requirement for the head office of the Board at Kolkata, CEO would submit a detailed proposal for consideration of the government.

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


(Anadi Kumar Sahu) 12/02/10

Chairman of the W.B. Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Board

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Minister In Charge, Labour Department