

Proceedings of the 8th meeting of the West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Welfare Board held in the chamber of the Chairman of the Board and Hon'ble MIC, Labour on 02.03.2011 at 3.00 p.m. at Writers Buildings, Kolkata-1.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Anadi Kumar Sahu, Chairman and Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, W.B.
2. Sri Dilip Rath, Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Labour Department.
3. Sri A. K. Roy Chaudhury, Special Secretary, Labour Department & Secretary of the Board.
4. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal
5. Sri Ajoy Bhattacharjee, Joint Labour Commissioner and Secretary, WBBB & OCWW Board
6. Sri Ashok Ghosh, UTUC
7. Sri Probir Kumar Banerjee, TUCC.
8. Sri Bishwanath Saha, AITUC.
9. Sri A.L.Gupta, AITUC.
10. Sri Tapan Ghosh, Secretary, WBPNTUC.

Hon'ble Chairman of the Board and MIC Labour Department initiated the discussion and requested the Secretary of the Board to start discussion as per agenda. The Special Secretary of Labour Department and Secretary of the Board raised day's discussions and intimated the Board members that earlier meeting of the Board held on 10.01.2011 could not transact normal business for want of quorum. He also apprised the Board members regarding the provision of the West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Health Security Scheme which was deemed to have come into effect from 17.07.2010. The members were also apprised that for the selection of Vendor for supply, installation and maintenance of hardware and software for regional offices of the Board and various other locations, the Board invited the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Bid Evaluation Committee was looking after the details. The matter would be placed before the Board in due course.

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

1. The proceeding of the 6th meeting of the Board held on 18.01.2010 was confirmed. It was decided that the regional offices of the Board would be requested for regular submission of certificates regarding utilization of fund placed with them by the Board and appoint a firm for periodic consolidation of accounts at the Head Office of the Board.

2. A committee would be constituted with the following officials to check the ad-
claims under West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Health Security Scheme:

- a. Deputy Labour Commissioner in charge of the district .
 - b. Senriormost Assistant Labour Commissioner of the district .
 - c. One Medical Practitioner to be finalized by the DLC after consultation with the CMOH of the district.
- The committee shall meet at least once in a month to decide the admissibility of the claims and send a report to the Board every month detailing the decisions made.
 - A consolidated amount for everyday of meeting may be paid to the Medical Practitioner as may be decided by the Executive Council.
3. It was necessary to capture the transaction details regarding statement of collection of subscriptions from Form IV for uploading the current closing balance of the beneficiaries in the System. As different locations had completed the transaction details of the beneficiaries in Form V upto different financial years, it was decided that no transaction details would be captured prior to 01.04.2009. In case of beneficiaries joining the scheme before 01.04.2009 their closing balance as on 01.03.2009 shall be shown as Rs.1.11 and shall be loaded to the System. Actual calculation of closing balance shall have to be done manually on urgent basis and the actual figure in the System is required to be shown.

In cases where actual calculation of closing balance is completed as on 31.03.2010, the same shall be used and no transaction data prior to such date shall be captured.

4. M/s ITC Infotech had informed that the application software development was complete. In order to check the performance of the system including data uploaded it was required to have a live testing of the application software in the production environment. The Chairman of the Board had kindly desired to start the testing on 10.01.2011 and the live testing was done on the said date. The matter of checking the performance of the system including data uploaded in the production environment was not in the Bid quoted by the said firm and thus submitted a Change Request vide letter dated 17.12.2010 for the purpose for three months which was approved. The payment arising out of such Change Request would be made to the said firm.


5. The Department of Information and Technology, Government of West Bengal had in principle accepted the proposal to host SASPFUW application in West Bengal State Data Centre. As SDC of West Bengal has become operational, the said application is to be hosted through SDC. For

such hosting, 'Safe to Host Certificate' issued by STQC was required. STQC IT Services had been requested to initiate the process of application security audit. The said organization had requested the Board to provide them with the details of the application software. ITC Infotech Ltd. had been informed accordingly. The expenditure arising out of said audit would be spent out of Board's fund. As the security audit would not be completed within that time?, it is, therefore, necessary to extend the time limit of testing the application in the production environment by ITC Infotech Ltd. for another three months. The payment arising out of such extension of testing in the production environment would be made out of Board's fund.

6. The Executive Council met several times after the 6th.meeting of the Board held on 28.01.2010 to decide on day to day activities of the Board. The meetings were held on 16.02.2010, 17.06.2010, 28.09.10, 01.12.2010, 16.12.2010 and 31.01.2011 and the decisions arrived at on those meetings were ratified by the Board.

7. The question of issuing Identity cards in Form VII under Rule 24(1) of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Rules, 2008 to every Unorganised Sector Worker enrolled as a beneficiary under the Schemes run by the Board was accepted. Every Unorganised Sector Worker will have to apply for registration under section 15(2) of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Act, 2007 with fees of Rs.20/-.

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



(Anadi Kumar Sahu)
Chairman of the Board
& Minister In Charge, Labour Department
Government of West Bengal