

Proceedings of the 9th meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board held on 15th February, 2008 at 3 p.m. in the Chamber of Hon'ble Shri Mrinal Banerjee, Chairman of the Board and Minister-in-Charge, Labour and Power Department at New Secretariat Buildings, 7th Floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 700 001.

Shri Mrinal Banerjee, Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board presided over the meeting, Shri Anadi Kumar Sahu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Labour Department was also present in the meeting.

A. Members present in the meeting:

1. Dr. Subesh K. Das, IAS, Principal Secretary, Labour Department.
2. Shri Satyabrata Chakrabarti, IAS, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.
3. R.P. Chakraborty, Director of Factories.
4. Smt. Dipita Ghosh, Joint Secretary, Finance Department.
5. Shri Badal Ch. Ghorui, Dy. Secretary, M.A. Department.
6. Shri S.K.Roy, Dy. Welfare Commissioner(Central).
7. Shri Lakshman Seth, Hon'ble M.P.
8. Shri S.S. Chowdhury, BCC.
9. Shri S.K.Basu Chairman Buildings Association of India.
10. Basudev Gupta, AITUC, West Bengal.
11. Dilip Bhattacharya, UTUC (Lenin Sarani)
12. Panchayat & Rural Development Department.
13. S. Biswas, Addl. Labour Commissioner, W.B. & Secretary of the Board.

B. Other officers present in the meeting are:

1. Shri Indranil Sengupta, Joint Secretary, labour Department.
2. Shri N.R.Bala, CF & CAO.
3. Shri Ajoy Bhattacharyya, Deputy Labour Commissioner.

After threadbare discussion, the following decisions were approved:

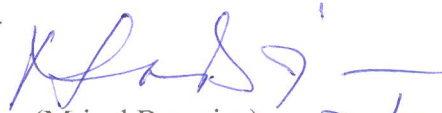
1. Proceedings of the 8th meeting of the Board held on 8th January, 2008, which was circulated among the members, was unanimously approved by the members.
2. Shri Lakshman Seth, Hon'ble M.P. and Member of the Board suggested that an action taken report should be submitted. It is resolved that henceforth an action taken report on the decisions approved in the last board meeting shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Board.
3. As a part of the review of progress of implementation, the district-wise report of beneficiary registration, subscription, establishment registration and cess collection was placed before the Board by Shri S. Biswas, Secretary of the Board.
4. Shri Lakshman Seth, Hon'ble M.P. and Member of the Board pointed out that factory expansion work may also be covered for payment of cess under West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996. In this regard, the Government of India may be moved for necessary amendment in the Act.

5. Pending collection of cess, it has been decided that two teams containing officer and Inspectors shall visit, one Rajarhat and Salt Lake area another Kolkata South area. For this purpose one vehicle may be hired by the Board.
6. The Board may issue circular to the chairman of all the Municipalities to furnish report on cess collection up to 31.03.08.
7. The Principal Secretary desired that in cases of joint venture companies, notice of assessment of cess should be issued.
8. Secretary of the Board submitted that some beneficiaries who discontinued payment for more than one year have been allowed to continue as beneficiary as they agreed to pay the arrear subscriptions. It has been resolved that ALC/DLC may allow, in such cases, applications to continue as beneficiaries.
9. The weekly statement from UBI should be taken to ascertain cess transfer and proper utilization of the fund of the Board. A meeting in this regard with the Bank officials shall be held to discuss the difficulties faced by the board.
10. Shri Lakshman Seth, Hon'ble M.P. pointed out that a scheme on 'Housing Loan' for the construction workers who are registered as beneficiaries should be prepared. The Hon'ble M.I.C, Labour and Chairman of the Board desired that a committee may be formed to formulate the housing loan scheme for the beneficiaries.

Accordingly a committee has been formed consisting of the following members:

- (1) Shri Satyabrata Chakrabarti, IAS, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal, Chairman
 - (2) Shri Lakshman Seth, Hon'ble M.P., Member
 - (3) Shri S. S. Chowdhury, BCC, Member
 - (4) Shri I. Sengupta, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Labour Department, Member and
 - (5) Shri S. Biswas, Addl. Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Secretary of the Board, Member- Secretary.
11. The issue of finalisation of medical expenses under rule 280 shall be discussed in the committee meeting as formed in clause (10).
 12. The Hon'ble Minister of State suggested that the Supdt. of ESI, Sealdah Court may be utilized to dispose of the pending cases under rule 280 as a special case.
 13. It has been resolved that the beneficiary or his family member who are suffering from T.B. shall be paid one time payment of Rs. 2000/- as financial assistance by the Board.

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


(Mrinal Banerjee) 21/2/08
Chairman
WBB&OCW Welfare Board
&
Minister-in-Charge
Labour Department