

**Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Welfare Board held in the chamber Sri Purnendu Basu, of the Chairman of the Board and Hon'ble MIC, Labour on 29.03.2012 at 4.00 p.m. at Writers Buildings, Kolkata-1.**

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The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Purnendu Basu, Chairman and Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, W.B.
2. Sri A. K. Raychaudhury, Special Secretary, Labour Department -Member.
3. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal -Member
4. Sri Debiprasad Banerjee, Director ,ESI- Member
5. Md. Qamruzzaman Quamar INTUC –Member
6. Sri Subhas Ghosh, INTTUC-Member
7. Sri Subhas Mukherjee, CITU-Member
8. Sri Probir Kumar Banerjee, TUCC- Member
9. Sri R.L.Mishra, West Bengal Federation of Traders Association-Member
10. Sri Hiranmay Ganguly, Secretary, , Federation of Small and Medium Industries -Member
11. Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, WB &Secretary,WBUSWWB

Sri Goutam Ray, Vice President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries also attended the meeting.

Hon'ble Chairman of the Board and MIC Labour Department presided over the meeting. Shri A.K. Raychaudhury, Special Secretary, Labour Department welcomed all the members present.

With the permission of the Chairman, Shri Aziz Rasul , Secretary of the Board initiated the discussions as per agenda. The Special Secretary explained the purpose of the Introduction of '**Samajik Mukti Card**' for the Unorganised Sector workers covered under SASPFUW.

The Secretary of the Board then apprised the Board members of the proposed enhancement of amount of financial assistance from Rs.5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- in the maximum per annum under the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Health Security Scheme and also regarding introduction of Death Benefits to the unorganised workers covered under West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Health Security Scheme to bring and maintain some parity with the benefits provided to the construction as well as to transport workers.

The members were also apprised of the statement of Annual Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2010-11 and the observations of A.G. Bengal regarding request for auditing accounts of the Board. Status of computerisation of SASPFUW records and purchase of Computers and peripherals were brought to the notices of the Board members.

After a threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. The proceeding of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 02.03.2011 was confirmed. The Board has also ratified the decisions arrived at on the meetings the Executive Council held on 6.6.2011 and 11.11.2011 were ratified by the Board. The Chief Executive Officer of the Board will send a proposal to the Labour Department through the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal in the matter of providing Broadband connectivity to the remaining 25 RLOs (**Annexure-A**), SWAN connectivity and Data Card facility to 480 Labour Welfare Facilitation Centres( LWFCs) as the case may be.
2. It has been agreed to the introduction of '**Samajik Mukti Card**' for Unorganised Sector workers covered under SASPFUW. Issue of '**Samajik Mukti Card**' will be finalised after receipt of DPR from WEBEL. WEBEL will be entrusted with the job of preparation of these Smart Cards subject to finalization of procedures.
3. Amount of financial assistance may be enhanced from Rs.5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- in the maximum per annum under the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Health Security Scheme. The enhancement may be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012. A proposal to this effect will be sent to the Labour Department through the Labour Commissioner, WB. The guidelines to be followed in the matter of disposal of claims under West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme have been approved by the Board (**Annexure-B**)
4. It has been agreed to the introduction of Death Benefits for the unorganized sector workers covered under West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Health Security Scheme in order to bring and maintain some parity with the benefits provided to the construction and transport workers. The benefits may be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012 in the following manner:  

A nominee of a beneficiary under SASPFUW will be entitled to a relief of (a) Rs. 1, 50, 000 /- only in cases of death of the beneficiary arising out of an accident and (b) Rs. 50,000 /- only in cases of normal death of the beneficiary.

A proposal will be sent through the Labour Commissioner, WB to the State Government in the Labour Department for issuance of necessary notification in this regard. Detailed guidelines in the matter of disposal of claims will also be prepared by the CEO of the Board for placement of the same before the Chairman for approval
5. (i) Audit Firm as may be appointed by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board and the Executive Council under the West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme may also be appointed by this Board for verification of disbursements of Rs. 34,26,40,390/- to various RLOs towards administrative expenses etc. The said Audit Firm will also prepare a consolidated accounts after incorporating receipts, payment, revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities. The Chief Executive Officer of the Board will take necessary action in this regard.  

(ii) The State Government in the Labour Department will be moved for necessary amendment of the Section 14 of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Act, 2007 for incorporation of an

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enabling provision therein authorizing the Governor to entrust audit of the Board to the C&AG of India in the public interest.

6. The Board has approved the expenditure of **Rs 2,14,21,259/-** for purchase of client PCs (600) and other peripherals to all LWFCs and RLOs from M/s WTL out of total **Rs. 4,26,94,979/-** and allowed post facto approval to the expenditure of **Rs. 2, 19, 60, 024/-** incurred by the Board from March'11 to February,2012 and sub-allotment of fund to the tune of **Rs.44,04,69,497/** from March'11 to February,2012 to different RLOs.
7. Enhancement of expenditure limit of CEO from **Rs.15,000/-** per item to **Rs.25000/-** with effect from <sup>1st</sup> April, 2012 has been approved.
8. For effective implementation of SASPFUW scheme and establishing a communication network with the different Regional Labour Offices i.e., regional offices of the Board, the proposal of providing Fax machines to the remaining 19 newly opened RLOs(**Annexure-C**) has been approved.
9. The revised proposal of *SREI SAHAJ e-Village Ltd* Dated 27.03.2012 for data entry, collection of subscription etc. under SASPFUW shall be examined by the CEO of the Board and the matter will be further discussed in the Labour Department for finalization of the issue. Principal Secretary, Labour Department has been authorized to decide the issue.
10. The appointment of Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner as the secretary of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board vide Labour Department order no. 261(6) -I.R. dated 26..03.2012 has been approved.

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



(Purnendu Basu)

Chairman of the Board

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Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department  
Government of West Bengal