

Proceedings of the 10th 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 03.04.13 at 11.30 a.m. at Writers Buildings, Kolkata-1.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Purnendu Basu, Chairman and Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, W.B.
 2. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Secretary, Labour Department, W.B. West Bengal –Vice Chairman
 3. Sri Jawaid Akhtar, Labour Commissioner Member
 4. Sri Debiprasad Banerjee, Director, ESI- Member
 5. Md. Qamruzzaman Quamar INTUC –Member
 6. Sri Subhas Ghosh, INTTUC-Member
 7. Sri Probir Kumar Banerjee, TUCC- Member
 8. Sri R.L. Mishra, West Bengal Federation of Traders Association-Member
 9. Sri Hiranmay Ganguly, Secretary, Federation of Small and Medium Industries -Member
- Sri Goutam Ray, Vice President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries also attended the meeting.

Officials of the Board:

1. Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, WB & Secretary, WBUSWWB
2. Shri P.S. Chakraborty, Deputy Labour Commissioner
3. Smt. Manisha Bhattacharyya, Deputy Labour Commissioner

Hon'ble Chairman of the Board and MIC Labour Department presided over the meeting. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, 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 Secretary of the Board then placed Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 9th Board meeting before the Board members and apprised the Board members that letters have already been sent to RLOs for Broadband connectivity to the remaining 23 RLOs already having telephone connections and 272 LWFCs and order has been placed with WBEIDCL for SWAN connectivity to 208 LWFCs vide memo no. 404/137/WBJSWWB dated 29.06.2012. Members were also informed that WEBEL has already been entrusted with the job of preparation of 'Samajik Mukti Card' after due approval of Finance Deptt. More than 70000 cards have been distributed so far.

The members were apprised regarding enhancement of financial assistance from **Rs.5000/- to Rs. 10,000** with effect from **1st April, 2012** and introduction of Death Benefits of (a) **Rs. 1, 50, 000 /-** only in cases of death of the beneficiary arising out of an accident and (b) **Rs. 50,000 /-** in cases



of normal death of the beneficiary with effect from **1st April, 2012** under the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme.

The statement of Annual Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2011-12 were placed before the members and it was informed that the State Government in the Labour Department has recently been moved for necessary amendment of the Section 14 of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Act, 2007 for incorporation of an enabling provision therein authorizing the Governor to entrust audit of the Board to the C&AG of India in the public interest vide memo no. 92/105/WBUSWWB/2013 dated 18.03.2013 and Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Secretary, Labour Department, informed that the matter would be taken up at the earliest.

Regarding purchase of fax machines, the members were also apprised that as the matter has further been decided in the 20th meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, no action has been taken from this end.

The representative of AITUC, Shri Biswanth Saha stated that they have not received the notice of the 9th meeting of the Board. Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, West Bengal & Chairman of the Board requested the Secretary of the WBUSWWB to ensure timely delivery of the notice in future.

After a threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. **Confirmation of Proceedings of the 9th Board meeting held on 29.03.2012:** The proceeding of the 9th meeting of the Board held on 29.03.12 was confirmed. The members requested the chairman of the Board to conduct meeting at shorter interval and that is agreed by all concerned.
2. **Status of distribution of 'Samajik Mukti Card' for Unorganised Sector workers covered under SASPFUW:** It has been decided that the CEO of the Board will see that at least one lakh Samajik Mukti Cards for the workers covered under SASPFUW are issued per month in this financial year and the matter be taken up with WBEIDCL immediately.
3. **Statement of Annual Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2011-12:** The Board has approved the statement of Annual Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2011-1. It has also been decided that the Audit Firm as may be engaged by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board may also be engaged by this Board for verification of disbursements of Rs. 56,07,20,000/- to various RLOs towards administrative expenses after



observing due formalities. The said Audit Firm will also prepare 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.

4. **Post facto approval of expenditure including sub-allotment of fund under SASPFUW from March '12 to February , 2013:** The total expenditure of Rs. 60,66,28,872/- (actual expenditure of Rs. 4,59,08,872/- by the Board and sub-allotment of fund to the tune of Rs.56,07,20,000/- to different RLOs) incurred by the Board from March'12 to February,2013 was approved [Details in Annexure-A]
5. **Post facto approval of expenditure towards different claims under West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme** for the period from January 2012 to February, 2013: The expenditure of Rs. 1, 71, 96, 068/- towards disbursement of benefits under the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Health Security Scheme was approved. (Details in Annexure-B)
6. **Nomination of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal as Executive Vice Chairman of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board:** The Board has approved the nomination of Labour Commissioner , West Bengal as "Executive Vice-Chairman" of the Board as the active involvement of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal is very much required for easy and smooth functioning of the Board The Board has also authorised the Labour Commissioner & Executive Vice- Chairman of the Board to sanction expenditure upto Rs. 50.000/- per item.
7. **Miscellaneous:** The Board's account is maintained at SBI,Bagmari, Kolkata and it has been decided that for timely and smooth transaction of the Board 's fund , Administrative accounts of the RLOs in Non- SBI branches will be shifted to SBI branches. All RLOs having Administrative account in non- SBI branches will be instructed accordingly.

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