Minutes of the meeting of West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Foard held on 11.08.08 at 3-30 p.m. in the chamber of Sri Mrinal Banerjee Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour and Power Department & Chairman of the Board at New Secretariat Buildings, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Kolkata – 700001.

The following members and officials attended the meeting:

- 1) Sri Mrinal Banerjee, Hon'ble MIC, Labour and Power Department
- 2) Sri Trilochan Singh, IAS Principal Secretary, Labour Department
- 3) Sri Satyabrata Chakraborty, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal
- 4) Sri R.P.Chakraborty, CIF
- 5) Sri I.Sengupta IAS Joint Secretary Labour Department
- 6) Sri S.Biswas, Addl. Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Secretary of the Board
- 7) Smt. Dipita Ghosh, Special Secretary, Finance Department
- 8) Ms. Dipali Chowdhury, Labour Welfare Organization
- 9) Sri S.K.Basu, Chairman, Builders Association
- 10) Mr. Q.Qamar, General Secretary, INTUC
- 11) Sri Basudev Gupta, AITUC
- 12) Sri N.R.Bala, CF & CAO
- 13) Sri K.Sinha, Deputy Labour Commissioner, West Bengal

Shri Mrinal Banerjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department and Chairman of the Board presided over the meeting.

With the kind permission of the Chairman, Sri S.Biswas, Secretary, West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board initiated the discussion. The proceedings of the last Board meeting held on 15.02.08 has been confirmed.

Shri Satyabrata Chakraborti, Labour Comissioner, West Bengal took active part in the discussion. He informed that for supervision and collection of cess in Nabadiganta notified area as also for different construction projects at Rajarhat and Kolkata South area a special team has been constituted as a result of which the collection of cess has increased.

The progress of implementation of BOCW Act has been reviewed by the members. It has been observed that the different Bank Branches of United Bank of India are not issuing pass books to the beneficiaries immediately after submission of application forms to the Bank Branches. The matter has already been taken up with the Senior officials of the UBI. The UBI officials have been requested to instruct their regional offices so that the application forms of the beneficiaries are accepted by the bank branches along with registration fees and subscriptions of the workers and to issue the pass books to each individual beneficiary immediately.

The issue of refund of subscriptions with interest to the beneficiaries on maturity/death and enhancement of benefits have been discussed. Hon'ble MIC, Labour and Chairman of the Board has kindly constituted a Committee consisting of MOS, Labour, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal, Sri S.Biswas, Secretary of the Board and Sri Debanjan Chakraborty, CITU to discuss the issues relating to enhancement of benefits to the construction workers and the recommendation of the Committee shall be placed in the next Board meeting.

The Secretary of the Board has placed before the members the accounts of the Board for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 audited by a Chartered Firm. The accounts for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 have been passed by the Board.

The Secretary of the Board has also placed an estimated Budget of the Board for the year 2008-09 with the target for collection of cess of Rs.75 crores including Rs.25 crores collected up to 31.03.08. After dscussion the budget for the year 2008-09 has been passed by the Board.

It was pointed out by the Secretary of the Board that a Group C retired employee has been engaged for clerical work of the Board and an amount of Rs.2600/- per month is being paid by the Board as salary which is required to be increased. It has been decided that an amount of Rs.4000/- per month shall be paid by the Board to the retired clerical staff w.e.f. August,2008 and it will be further enhanced to Rs.5000/- per month after six months of satisfactory service.

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

(Mrinal Banerjee)

Minister-in-Charge,

Labour Department & Chairman, BOCW Welfare Board