

Proceedings of the 12th meeting of the West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Welfare Board held in the conference room of WBUSWW Board at New Secretariat Buildings on 29.01.2014 at 11.30 a.m.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Purnendu Basu, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, W.B. - Chairman
2. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Secretary, Labour Department, W.B. - Vice Chairman
3. Sri Jawaid Akhtar, Labour Commissioner, W.B. - Executive Vice- Chairman
4. Smt. Soma Bhattacharjee, Joint Secretary, MSME & Textile Department, W.B. - Member
5. Sri Subhas Mukherjee, CITU - Member
6. Sri Probir Kumar Banerjee, TUCC- Member
7. Sri Dilip Bhattacharya, State Secretary, AIUTUC- Member
8. Sri Hiranmay Ganguly, Secretary, Federation of Small and Medium Industries - Member

Officials of the Board:

1. Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, WB & Secretary, WBUSWWB
2. Smt. Sharmila Khatua, Joint Labour Commissioner, W.B.
3. Sri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, Deputy Labour Commissioner, W.B.
4. Smt. Manisha Bhattacharyya, Deputy Labour Commissioner, W.B.
5. Sri Debojyoti Bose, Assistant Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board presided over the meeting. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Secretary, Labour Department welcomed all the members present. With the permission of the Chairman, Sri Aziz Rasul, Secretary of the Board initiated the discussion as per agenda.

The Secretary of the Board then placed before the Board members an Action Taken Report on the decisions taken during the 11th meeting of the Board. Regarding internal audit of the Board's accounts in RLOs he informed that as the internal audit of the Firm engaged by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has not been completed yet, the engagement of the said firm could not be finalized.

The Secretary of the Board then apprised the Board members that as per decision of the Board all 62 RLOs, where provisioning of WBSWA was not possible by WBEIDCL, have been directed to approach BSNL for providing connectivity vide Memo No. 354/137/WBUSWWB/2013 dated 28.10.2013 and they have already taken steps. It was found that out of 62 only 5 LWFCs have been provided with Broadband connectivity till date. Members were also informed that WEBEL has supplied 5,22,028 Samajik Multi Cards (SMC) as on 31.12.2013.

A detailed discussion was held on the Start of Warranty / Support & maintenance of the application software by the implementing agency. The Board members were apprised that Implementing Agency i.e., ITC-Infotech has informed that they have uploaded all valid application forms (i.e. Form-I) pending with them within 31.10.2013. To remove the plight of workers of NGOs and encourage the SLOs they were also considered to be brought under the coverage of SASPFUV.



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After a threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. **Confirmation of Proceedings of the 11th Board meeting held on 01.10.2013:** The proceeding of the 11th meeting of the Board held on 01.10.2013 was confirmed.
2. **Status of Broadband connectivity in LWFCs:** A detailed report in this regard will be asked for from concerned DLCs and in order to expedite the process one officer from the Board will be entrusted to monitor the matter of provisioning of Broadband in LWFCs and take up the matter centrally with the BSNL.
3. **Status of distribution of Samajik Mukti Card:** As a large number of application forms (i.e. Form – I) are yet to be uploaded in the database SMCs for new applications cannot be printed. The process of printing of Samajik Mukti Cards for old beneficiaries will go on and stress will be given to issue those cards to newly enrolled beneficiaries after uploading their particulars in the database. Webel will be requested to expedite the entire process.
4. **Status of computerization of SASPFUW records:**
 - a) As uploading of all captured data except defective ones was completed within 31.10.2013 and the application software was rolled out earlier, warranty / annual maintenance is deemed to have started with effect from 01.11.2013 as decided in the 11th meeting of the Board.
 - b) In the matter of conducting test run of the software by State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) to check for any operational flaw in the software, the Secretary, Labour Department has written to the IT Department and the CEO of the Board is to see that the process is completed within 31.03.2014.
5. **Audit Report of Board's Accounts for the financial year 2012-13::**
 - a) The Board has approved *the Annual Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2012-13 of the Board as audited by Rustagi & Associates.*
 - b) *It has also been decided that the Audit Firm engaged by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board may also be engaged by this Board for verification of disbursements of different amounts to various RLOs towards administrative expenses after evaluating the performance of the said firm as well as after observing due formalities.*

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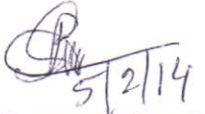


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6. Miscellaneous:

- a) The workers of NGOs and persons engaged in the welfare schemes run by Government of West Bengal including Self-Employed Labour Organisers (SLOs) would be brought under the coverage of SASPFUW and a detailed proposal in this regard would be sent to the Labour Department for issue of necessary Government order.
- b) In order to reduce the burden of expenditure on State exchequer regarding implementation of SASPFUW it was considered that if the fund accumulated in the Treasury (i.e. P.D. Account) in terms of beneficiary contribution, Government contribution and interest be transferred to the account of the Board. It would be properly invested so that the Government has to bear only the matching contribution and administrative expenses be borne out of the interest accrued from such investment.
A detailed proposal in this regard would be sent to the Department for necessary action.

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


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(Purnendu Basu)

Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department
&
Chairman of the Board