

Proceedings of the 24th meeting of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board held on 15.07.2020 at 1:00 PM at the Conference Room of the WBUSWWB, 8th Floor, B-Block, N.S. Buildings, 1, K. S. Roy, Kolkata – 1

List of members who attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure – I

The meeting was presided over by Shri Pradip Banerjee, Chairman of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board. He welcomed all members / representatives present and requested Smt. Sharmila Khatua, the Chief Executive Officer of the Board to initiate discussion agenda-wise.

Agenda No. 1 – Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 23rd Board meeting held on 19.12.2019.

The Proceedings of the 23rd Board meeting held on 19.12.2019 were placed before the members of the Board and were approved unanimously.

Agenda No. 2 – Improvements in the Scheme, Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 2017

- a) **Renaming the Scheme as Bina Mulye Samajik Suraksha Yojana and introduction of PF contribution of Rs.55 entirely borne by the Government:** The State Government will contribute the beneficiaries' part of contribution i.e. Rs.25/- p.m. in addition to its own contribution of Rs.30/- p.m., in total Rs.55/- p.m. along with applicable interest, out of Government Grant to the 'Other' Unorganised Sector Workers. Since no contribution from the beneficiary is required now, the Samajik Suraksha Yojana (SSY) will now be renamed as **Bina Mulye Samajik Suraksha Yojana (BMSSY)**.

This matter was discussed and was approved unanimously.

- b) **Coverage of all the registered beneficiaries under Swasthyasathi in lieu of the existing provision of Health and Family Welfare under SSY:** There is a State Government run health insurance scheme called 'Swasthyasathi'. Specified categories of persons and their families are eligible to get insurance coverage of up to

Rs. 5 lakh annually under the scheme for treatment of illness and adverse health conditions. It was proposed that the present provision of SSY, 2017 of Health and Family Welfare, where maximum amount of medical reimbursement is up to Rs. 60,000/- p.a., will be discontinued and all the registered beneficiaries under SSY, 2017 will be brought under the coverage of the State run health Scheme called 'Swasthyasathi', where the coverage is up to Five lakh per family per year thus making the scheme SSY more beneficial in the matter of assistance for Health and Family Welfare.

This proposal was discussed and was approved.

c) **Discontinuation of separate existing scholarship scheme under SSY:** The State Government is implementing a number of scholarship schemes for the students of the weaker section and meritorious students of the State under its various programmes such as:-

- i) **Kanyashree Prakalpa**
- ii) **Aikyashree**
- iii) **Shikshashree**
- iv) **Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-means Scholarship –**
- v) **W.B Post Matric Scholarship (S.C./S.T/OBC)**
- vi) **Hindi Scholarship**

And such other scholarships of the State Government.

Presently under the education scheme of SSY, beneficiaries are provided with different rates of financial assistances for reading in different courses and such beneficiaries, who have received this assistance, are barred from availing any other scholarships/ Schemes of the Government.

It was discussed and resolved in the meeting that, as a considerable number of scholarships are already available to the students of the State, the present provision of providing financial assistance out of Government Grant be discontinued to enable the students to avail of the better benefit already available to them.

Agenda No. 3 – Post facto approval of the expenditure incurred for the period from 01.12.2019 to 31.03.2020 & 01.04.2020 to 30.06.2020 by the Board

The Statement of accounts for the period from 01.12.2019 to 31.03.2020 & 01.04.2020 to 30.06.2020 have been placed before the members and after discussions, it has been approved by the members.

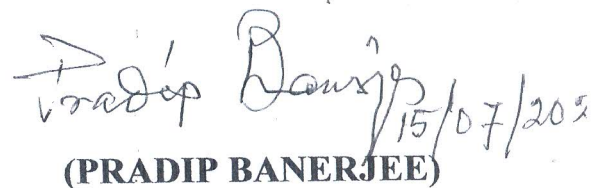
Agenda No. 4 – Approval of the Status Report under SSY-2017 for the period from 01.12.2019 to 30.06.2020 by the Board

The Status Report of SSY-2017 for the period from 01.12.2019 to 30.06.2020 has been placed before the members for their examination. After clarifying some points, the report has been accepted.

Agenda No. 5 – Miscellaneous

- a) **Enhancement of Hiring Charges of Vehicle:** There is a high demand of enhancement of rate of hiring charges of vehicle from the end of District offices. Now, after careful consideration and discussing pros and cons, the rate has been fixed at Rs.1500/- per day for hill areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong district, i.e. RLO Kurseong, RLO Darjeeling and RLO Kalimpong, and Rs.1200/- per day for other areas of West Bengal for only 10 (ten) days per month and the decision got unanimous assent of the Board.
- b) **Ad-Hoc payment to WTL:** As per direction of Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department, West Bengal, an amount of Rs.50 lakh was transferred to the Bank account of Webel Technology Limited for portal maintenance of Samajik Suraksha Yojana on 31.03.2020. The exigency for the payment was clarified before the Board and thus the payment got assent of the Board unanimously.

There being no other issues for discussions, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.


(PRADIP BANERJEE)

**Chairman
WBUSWW Board**

Annexure – 1

Following Members and Officials were present in the 24th meeting of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board held on 15.07.2020 at WBUSWWB's Conference Room at the New Secretariat Buildings, 8th Floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700 001.

- 1. Pradip Banerjee, Chairman, WBUSWWB Board**
- 2. S.A. Baba, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department**
- 3. Jawaid Akhtar, IAS, Labour Commissioner**
- 4. M. Qamaruzzaman Qamar, President, INTUC**
- 5. Biplab Bhattacharjee, AITUC**
- 6. Dilip Bhattacharya, All India Secretariate Member, AIUTUC**
- 7. Debanjan Chakraborty, CITU**
- 8. Sharmila Khatua, Addl. Labour Commissioner, Labour Commissionerate**
- 9. Sanatan Pramanik, DLC, Labour Commissionerate**
- 10. Debasree Roy, JLC(P), Labour Commissionerate**
- 11. Bidisha Bhattacharya, JLC (P), Labour Commissionerate**
- 12. Baladeb Mondal, JLC (P), Labour Commissionerate.**
- 13. Mihiran Baidya, DLC(P), Labour Commissionerate.**