

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 5th November, 2009 in the chamber of Hon'ble Minister- In Charge, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board at Writers Buildings, Kolkata.

Members and other officials present :-

Shri Anandi Kumar Sahu, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department
Shri Talleen Kumar, Secretary, Labour Department
Shri Satyabrata Chakraborti, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal
Shri Indranil Sengupta, Joint Secretary, Labour Department
Shri Subal Biswas, Secretary, WBBOCW Welfare Board
Shri U.K Paul, Chief Inspector of Factories (in-charge)
Shri D. K. Mallick, Assistant Welfare Commissioner, GOI
Shri N.R. Bala, CF & CAO, WBB&OCWW Board
Shri S.S. Chawdhry, BCCI
Shri N.K. Chatterjee, ICC
Shri Lakshman Seth, CITU
Shri Basudeb Gupta, AITUC
Shri Dilip Bhattacharya, UTUC (L.S.)

The meeting was presided over by the Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board who welcomed all present and initiated discussion. The Secretary, WBBOCW Welfare Board placed the agenda for item-wise discussion.

The proceedings of 12th meeting of the Board was placed and it was approved by all the members present.

The following decisions have been taken in the Board Meeting :

1) For awareness generation, RLOs shall organize camps with Trade Union representatives & concerned others where at least 100 beneficiaries are to be registered on the spot and necessary pass books and Identity Cards be issued to beneficiaries. Officers in the rank of JLC / DLC shall remain present in the camp. For this purpose the Board approved one time allotment of Rs.2,000/- each to all Regional Labour Offices towards contingent expenses to be adjusted with vouchers. The Secretary, Board will issue necessary circular in this regard.

2) The Board has approved the proposal for payment of Rs.2,000/- as funeral expenses for each deceased beneficiary payable to the nominee / members of the beneficiary. In this regard the necessary guidelines will be issued by the Secretary of the Board.

3) For prompt disposal of the benefit claims by the Board and as a part of decentralization, all Regional Labour Offices are to function as Regional Offices of the Board. An administrative account shall have to be opened for each RLO at nearest UBI / SBI branch where the Board will transfer the necessary fund. All registered beneficiaries shall be required to open separate Savings Account in Nationalized Banks / Co-operative Banks / Gramin Banks for themselves where the entitled financial benefits will be electronically transferred. The RLOs shall observe necessary documentation and accounting system in this regard. This documentation will however come into effect only after appropriate order is issued by the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal.

4) The Board shall make one time reimbursement upto a maximum of Rs.1,000/- to each beneficiary, who is registered with the Board for at least six months, for purchasing tools related to his profession on production of original bill / voucher. The reimbursement of this benefit shall be reviewed by the Board in future.

5) Regarding financial assistance towards repairing of houses of beneficiaries, the Board may explore the possibilities of such benefits after comparing similar benefits available in other states and it may be placed in the next meeting of the Board.

6) Internal Audited report of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board for the financial year 2007-08 was placed before the Board and the same was approved.

7) All construction workers registered with the Board shall be brought under the scheme "RSBY". Necessary Fund for registered APL construction workers shall be paid by the Board. Appropriate action may be taken for segregation of APL and the BPL construction workers through computerization.

8) The cost of spectacle upto Rs.300/- to each registered beneficiary shall be paid for the purchase of spectacle has been approved by the Board. Necessary guidelines in this regard shall be issued by the Secretary of the Board.

9) Training camps for skill development of construction workers will be organized in all districts in near future.

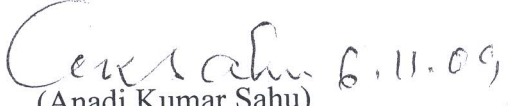
10) As a part of awareness generation the Board will seek co-operation from BCC, ICC and other chamber of commerce. Financial sponsorship with regard to advertisement of the scheme in print and electronic media will also be sought for. The members of the above

chambers present in the meeting agreed on principle and requested that letters be written to the President of these Organizations.

11) To augment the collection of Cess special team to be formed to carry out inspections at different construction sites and file cases against defaulting employers.

12) The separate office of the Board will be inaugurated on 18th November'09 at 6th floor, New Secretariat Buildings at 11-00 a.m. All members were requested to attend the function. The Board also approved purchase of furniture / stationeries / computer / fax / Xerox / 2 AC machines / installation 1 telephone for the new office of the Board. The requirement of such gadgets will be assessed after opening of the new office of the Board.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.


(Anadi Kumar Sahu) 6.11.09
Minister-in-Charge
Labour Department & Chairman,
W.B.B & O.C.W.W. Board.