

**Proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 in the chamber of Hon'ble Minister-In Charge, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board at Writers Buildings, Kolkata-1.**

Members and other officials present :-

Shri Anadi Kumar Sahu, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department - Chairman

Shri A K Roychowdhury, Joint Secretary, Labour Department - Member

Shri R P Chakraborty, C.I.F., West Bengal - Member

Shri N.K. Chatterjee, I.C.C. - Member

Shri S K Basu, B.A.I. - Member

Shri Qamruzzaman Qamar, I.N.T.U.C. - Member

Shri Basudeb Gupta, A.I.T.U.C. - Member

Shri Prabir Banerjee, T.U.C.C. - Member

Shri Ajay Bhattacharya, Secretary, WBOCW Welfare Board

Shri N.R. Bala, CF & CAO, WBB&OCWW Board

Smt. Sumita Mukherjee, DLC, WBOCW Welfare Board

Shri Kallol Banerjee, DLC, WBOCW Welfare Board

Shri Patit Paban Das, ALC, WBOCW Welfare Board

The meeting was presided over by the Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board who welcomed all present and initiated discussion by mentioning the purpose of convening this urgent meeting for adoption of the Audited Accounts of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Board received from the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and, 2007-08. The Secretary, WBOCW Welfare Board placed the agenda for item-wise discussion with the permission of the Chairman.

(1) The report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on audited annual accounts of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board for the year 2005-06. 2006-07 & 2007-08 were placed in the meeting and adopted by all the Board members present. The Government will lay the said report before the State Legislature in forthcoming session as per provision of the Act.

(2) The proceedings of 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board was placed and it was approved by all the members present with the following modifications.

(a) <sup>To read</sup> For assistance for purchase of cycle, consequent upon further consideration, it was decided by the Board that eligible beneficiary would be paid the actual cost subject to maximum of Rs 3000/- on submission of an application along with a specific estimate [including charges for logo of the Board] for purchase of the cycle from a regular cycle dealer. The beneficiary shall be required to purchase a cycle within 15 days of receipt of that amount and submit original copies of bill voucher to the respective RLO, in a prescheduled date awareness cum registration program involving the cycle recipients. However, in case of non-production of original bill voucher within the stipulated date, the beneficiary shall not be entitled to any further benefit till the deposition of the same. Further necessary legal action may also be taken against the beneficiary.

(b) Going by the need-based requirement of each RLO, a lump sum fund amounting upto Rs.5,00,000/- is to be kept in reserve in the respective Administrative Accounts for expenditure towards disbursement of benefit at the level of Regional Office of Board.

(3) The following decisions have also been taken by the Board :

(a) Beneficiaries who have defaulted in paying contribution for a period of more than one year, will be allowed to resume the membership on payment of all arrears of contribution. The respective Beneficiary Registering Officer in Regional Offices of the Board are authorized to restore the registration on receipt of an application along with arrears of contribution,

provided, however, if it is found that the beneficiary had become a defaulter due to reasons for which he was not responsible, his membership may be restored and claims for benefits may be allowed to him except those arising out of situation occurred during the period while he was not a member. Provided further that the submission of claims for benefits like cycles, tool kits, marriage assistance may be allowed only after his continuation of such membership for a further period of three months.

(b) It was decided that for computerization of implementation machinery under BOCW Act & Rules the proposal of NISG, as Project Management Consultant, along with budget estimate will be sent to the IT Department for obtaining technical clearance of the proposal.

(c) The power to the Secretary of the Board to sanction all welfare benefits not exceeding of Rs 10,000/- in each case is delegated. Payment above Rs 10,000/- in each case may be made with the approval of the Hon'ble Chairman of the Board.

- (d) For the purpose of speedy disposal of various benefit claims, the Board decided to form a three-member Committee comprising of concerned ALC, DLC and Medical Officer (Part time) at district level. The Committee will meet once / twice in a month to verify the claims and dispose the same. In this context, the power to sanction benefit for claims upto Rs.10,000/- in each case is delegated to the concerned ALCs.
- (e) The Board has decided to print and publish a booklet containing detailed information of the various social security schemes now being implemented by the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal
- (f) As a special case, the Board decided to extend financial assistance of Rs. Rs.1,00,000/- in each case to the families of the construction workers belonging to West Bengal who lost their lives in the unfortunate building collapse incident at Laxmi Nagar, Delhi.
- The Board has also decided to extend financial assistance upto Rs.30,000/- to the construction workers who sustained injuries in the said building collapse incident and underwent medical treatment depending on the extent of injury on the basis of applications received in this regard.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.



(Anadi Kumar Sahu) 6.12.10  
Minister-in-Charge  
Labour Department & Chairman,  
W.B.B & O.C.W.W. Board.