

Proceedings of the 25th meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 8/5/2015 in the Conference Room attached to MIC's office Chamber at East India House (2nd Floor) 20B, Abdul Hamid Street, Kolkata – 69

Members Present:

1. Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC Labour Deptt. & Chairman
2. Shri Amal Roychowdhury, IAS, Secretary, Labour Deptt, & Vice Chairman
3. Shri Jawaid Akhtar, IAS, Labour Commissioner & Executive Vice Chairman
4. Shri R.C. Dutt, Chief Inspector of Factories-Member
5. Shri N.K. Chatterjee, I.C.C. -Member
6. Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, CITU, -Member
7. Shri Ramen Pandey, INTUC-Member

Officials other than members who attended the Meeting:

1. Shri Aziz Rasul, Addl. Labour Commissioner & Secretary, WBBOCW Welfare Board
2. Mr. Abul As Nur Dida Khan, CF&CAO, Labour Directorate
3. Smt. Sharmila Khatua, Joint Labour Commissioner
4. Shri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, Deputy Labour Commissioner
5. Smt. Manisha Bhattacharyya, Deputy Labour Commissioner
6. Shri Abhijit Kumar Naskar, Deputy chief Inspector of Factories
7. Shri Tridibesh Chatterjee, Assistant Labour Commissioner
8. Smt.Sukanya Bhattacharjee, Assistant Labour Commissioner

The meeting was presided over by Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department & Chairman of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board. He welcomed all and requested Shri Aziz Rasul, Secretary of the Board to initiate discussions agenda-wise.

The Secretary of the Board then placed the proceedings of the 24th Board meeting held on 25.09.2014 for confirmation along with the action taken report on the issues discussed & decisions taken during the 24th Board meeting. On this issue it was conveyed by some of the Board members that they are yet to receive the copy of the proceedings of 24th Board meeting. They also stated about non receipt of the notice and agenda note of the 25th Board meeting. It was decided that e-mail addresses of all the Board members will be collected and henceforth all necessary communication will be made through email also.

During discussion of the proceedings of 24th Board meeting Shri Debanjan Chakraborty pointed out that skill development training programme is more necessary for the construction workers than their dependants. In response, Secretary, Labour Department apprised the Board members about the initiatives taken by the Board for skill evaluation and upgradation programme of construction workers.

Status report on BOCWA up to March, 2015 was placed before the Board members. Some of the members expressed their concern regarding the genuineness of some registered beneficiaries as construction worker. Labour Commissioner and Executive Vice Chairman of the Board pointed out that initiative has been taken in this regard and direction has already been issued to all RLOs for crosschecking and cancellation of registration in case of violation of rules and conditions. The members present appreciated the effort.

Separate Audit Reports (SARs) for the Financial Year 2012-13 was placed before the Board members for adoption and it was proposed that RLOs are needed to be careful in fund utilization for benefit distribution. The Chartered Accountant firm will be directed to prepare statement of accounts of the Board as per norms of CAG and Income Tax department henceforth.

On the issue of clarification of audit observation regarding loss of revenue the Board members were also apprised of the order No.2261-F(Y) Dated 15th March, 2013 issued by the State Finance Department regarding investment by the State Government institutions in the Term Deposit where it

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clearly says that deposits shall be placed with the banks(s) with whom the State Government institutions have a regular course of business , including public sector banks.


Budget for the financial year 2015-16 of the Board was placed before the Board members for approval. The statement of expenditure incurred for the period from 01/9/2014 to 31/3/2015 was also placed for post- facto approval by the Board.

A guideline for disposal of various benefits was placed before the Board for approval. Another guideline for printing of different forms was placed before the Board. Regarding decentralization of the printing process and Hon'ble MIC & Chairman of the Board suggested that the Board will print different forms centrally through Govt. press like Saraswati Press, Shilpabarta and Basumati. For distribution of the same he suggested that lowest rate may be fixed by inviting tender. Hon'ble MIC also suggested that one officer may be entrusted with the duty of printing and quotation.

After a protracted discussion the following decisions were taken:

1. **Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 24th Board meeting** : The proceedings of the 24th meeting of the Board held on 25.09.2014 were confirmed (**Annexure A**).
2. **Skill Development Training for registered construction workers through recognition of prior learning process will be taken up by Board.**
3. **Adoption of separate audit reports (SARs) for the FY 2012-13** : The separate audit reports (SARs) for the FY 2010-11 as ratified by the CAG has been adopted by the Board (**Annexure B**). The Secretary of the Board will take necessary steps in laying the SARs before the State Legislative Assembly after getting the same printed as usual.
4. **Annual Statement of Accounts of Board for financial year 2013-14** has to be finalized at the earliest after verification and that will be placed on the next Board Meeting.
5. **Budget of the Board for the financial year 2015-16** has been approved (**Annexure C**).
6. **Post-facto approval by the Board of the expenditure incurred for the period from 25.09.2014 to 31.03.2015**: The Board has approved the total expenditure of **Rs.140, 98,22,855/-** (Details in **Annexure-D**).
7. **Report on internal audit of the accounts of Regional Offices of the Board** :On the basis of the observations of internal audit it is decided that all RLOs will be informed to remain careful about fund utilization and e payment will be must in case of benefit distribution.
8. **Guidelines and check lists for disposal of different benefits under BOCWA** : Guideline and checklists for distribution of benefits as admissible under the scheme have been approved (**Annexure E**).
9. **Printing of different forms** : Regarding printing of form it is decided that the Board will print different forms centrally through Govt. press like Saraswati Press, Shilpabarta and Basumati. For distribution of the same , lowest rate may be fixed following statutory formalities. The Secretary of the Board will take necessary steps in this regard.
10. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a) On finalisation of the Annual statement of Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2013-14 will be sent to the members of the Board for their kind perusal along with the copy of the proceedings of the 25th meeting so that the members may give their views in the next meeting of the Board.

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


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Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department

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Chairman of the Board