Proceedings of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 19.02.2016 in the chamber of Hon'ble Minister- In Charge, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board at the conference room adjacent to MIC Chamber, N. S.Buildings 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 1.

## Members present:-

Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department & Chairman.

Shri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, I.A.S., Secretary, Labour Department & Vice-Chairman.

Shri Jawaid Akhtar. I.A.S., Labour Commissioner & Executive Vice-Chairman.

Shri R. C. Dutta, Chief Inspector of Factories, Member.

Welfare Commissioner, Government of India.

Smt Keka Sarma, Representative of BCC.

Shri N. K. Chatterjee, Representative of ICC.

Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta, Representative of BAI.

Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, Representative of CITU.

Shri Dilip Bhattacharya, Representative of AIUTUC.

Shri Ramen Pandey, Representative of INTUC.

Shri Biplab Bhatta, Representative of AITUC.

## Officials other than members who attended the meeting:-

Shri Aziz Rasul, Addl. Labour Commissioner & Secretary, W.B.B & O.C.W.W. Board.

Shri Debobrata Kundu, CF & CAO, W.B.B & O.C.W.W. Board.

Shri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, Dy. Labour Commissioner.

Smt. Manisha Bhattacharya, Dy. Labour Commissioner.

Shri Debojyoti Bose, Asstt. Labour Commissioner.

Shri Mihiran Baidya, Asstt. 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 present and requested Shri Aziz Rasul, Secretary of the Board to initiate discussions agenda-wise. The Secretary, WBBOCW Welfare Board then placed the proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 31.12.2015 for conformation along with the action taken report on the issues discussed and decisions taken during the 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

During discussions, Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, CITU has expressed his reservation against—the decision of introducing working dress, Shoes and other necessary equipments instead/in lieu of cycle. He proposed for increase of tools benefit from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 5,000/-. In this regard—Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department suggested that as there is existing provision for purchase of other materials/ equipment necessary tools can also be purchased from that amount i.e., from Rs. 3000/-. Status report on BOCW Welfare Scheme up to January'16 was placed before the Board members.

After a threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken:

- 1) The proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 31.12.2015 was confirmed (Annexure A).
- 2) The Board members approved the expenditure incurred for the period from 01.11.2015 to 31.01.2016 amounting to Rs. 93,16,14,944/- (Annexure B) along with investment of Rs. 200 crore at UBI, High Court Branch which was made after receiving rates from two Nationalized Bankers of the Board.
- 3) The Board has unanimously approved the sanctioning of expenditure limit as follows:
  - i) Secretary of the Board: upto Rs. 1,00;000/-,
  - ii) Labour Commissioner & EVC, Board : upto Rs. 5,00,000/-and
  - iii) Secretary, Labour Department & VC Board: upto Rs.25,00,000/- or power of Secretary /Principal Secretary as per Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1977 (as amended from time to time) whichever is higher,

It was also decided that any expenditure beyond the power of V.C will be placed before Hon'ble Chairman of the Board for approval.

- 4) The Board has decided that steps should be taken for proper screening of applications for registration with the Board and also for registered construction Workers before disbursement of their claims for benefits under the scheme.
- 5) The Board has accepted the observation of CAG Audit for conversion of different Administrative A/c of RLOs from Current Deposit A/c to Savings Bank A/c with Auto Sweep facility. It has also been decided that the matter will be taken up with the UBI Authority and the MOU will be amended suitably.
- 6) Separate Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN) for each R.L.O etc.: The Board has authorized all RLOs for obtaining separate TAN& PAN for I. Tax and registration for Sales Tax in respect of transaction relating to the Regional offices of the Board. All related expenditures will be borne by the Board.
- 7) The Statement of Annual Accounts of the Board for the financial year 2014-15 (Annexure C) which are required to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 to the income Tax Department for renewal of Exemption Certificate have been provided to the Board members, and the same have been accepted by the Board.
- 8) It has been decided that the Board will take necessary steps to determine the percentage of regular subscribers i.e. percentage of beneficiaries paying their annual subscription.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

(Moloy Ghatak)

Minister-in-Charge

Labour Department & Chairman,

W.B.B & O.C.W.W. Board.