

**Proceedings of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 28.03.2018 at WBUSWWB's Conference room at New Secretariat Buildings, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 1**

**List of the Members and Officials attended the meeting is at Annexure-1.**

The meeting was presided over by Shri Joydeep Mukherjee, Advocate, Supreme Court & 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, WBBOW Welfare Board then placed the proceedings of the 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 26.12.2016 for confirmation along with the action taken report on the decisions taken during the 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

<b>Agenda No. 1</b>	<b>Confirmation of Board Meeting held on 26.12.2016</b>
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Shri Biplab Bhatta, Representative of AIUTUC has raised an issue that due to technical problem the renewal of BOCW workers through e-district portal was hindered from 01.04.2017 and the defaulters might not be eligible for pension in due course. Shri S. Sureshkumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Labour Department & Vice-Chairman assured that Board will look into the matter with judicious mind. Some of the trade union leaders alleged that huge benefits claimed upto 31.03.2017 are pending in some districts. But Shri Jawaid Akhtar, I.A.S., Labour Commissioner & Executive Vice-Chairman and Shri Aziz Rasul, Secretary have informed them that fund of around Rs.150 crores has been released till date to incur the expenditures for disbursement of claims and also asked them to submit location wise specific allegation about non-disbursement of claims. However, the Board members expressed their satisfaction over the progress.

The proceedings of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 26.12.2016 were confirmed.

<b>Agenda No. 2</b>	<b>Status Report of BOCW upto January,2018</b>
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Progress under BOCW upto January, 2018 was apprised by Sri Aziz Rasul, Secretary to the Board members – Number of Beneficiaries enrolled upto 31.01.2018 is 30,82,266. During the financial year 2017-18 (upto 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018) number of beneficiaries registered was 87,116.

<b>Agenda No. 3</b>	<b>Adoption of SSY,2017 and Amended Scheme of BOCWA</b>
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The newly introduced scheme Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2017 (SSY-2017) and Amended Scheme for construction workers' were placed for adoption by the Board and it was proposed that the expenditure towards the implementation of the scheme for Construction workers to be met from the Board's fund. Some of the Members expressed their discontent regarding the process of registration under SSY. The matter of curbing power of the Trade Unions to certify the authenticity of the beneficiary and the discontinuation of the benefits viz.- cycle, tools, maternity, marriage etc meant for construction workers raised by the members. They pointed out that SLOs are either irregular or not equipped with computers etc, essential for smooth progress of the whole matter. They further informed that Trade Unions are not invited in the Shramik Melas, held during the January and February, 2018. Chairman also expressed his discontent in the matter and assured that proper step will be taken later.

SSY-2017 and amended scheme of BOCWA has been adopted and the expenditures thereon towards the implementation of the scheme for construction workers to be met from Board's fund was approved. Hon'ble Chairperson expressed his view that awareness camp should be organized in the different Blocks and towns with the help of RLOs and if required the RLOs can take the help of both NGOs and Trade Unions.

<b>Agenda No. 4</b>	<b>Statement of Accounts of the Board for the FY, 2016-17</b>
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Receipts and Payments of the Board for the FY, 2016-17 were placed before the Board Members and were approved.

<b>Agenda No. 5</b>	<b>Post Fact approval by the Board of the expenditure incurred for the period 01.04.2017 to 28.02.2018</b>
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The Board approved the expenditure amounting to Rs.172, 21, 91,544 /- incurred for the period from 01.04.2017 to 28.02.2018. Hon'ble Welfare Commissioner and Shri N. K. Chatterjee, Representative of Chamber of Commerce requested to place the expenditure head-wise for the convenience of the Board Members.

<b>Agenda No. 6</b>	<b>Adoption of separate Audit Reports (SARs) by the Board for the FY, 2015-16.</b>
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Separate audit reports as ratified by the CAG for the Financial Year, 2015-16 has been duly approved and accepted by the Board.


<b>Agenda No. 7</b>	<b>Miscellaneous / any other matter with the approval of the Chairperson</b>
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- (a) Labour Deptt. was requested by the Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Deptt., to send a proposal for opening of interest bearing Deposit A/Cs at Pay & Accounts Office-II for keeping funds of Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Fund vide D.O. No. 1731-F(Y) dated 20/03/2018 the matter was discussed. Shri Debabrata Kundu, CF & CAO, W.B.B. & O.C.W.W. Board also opined in favour of proposal for opening of interest bearing Deposit Accounts at Pay & Accounts Office-II for keeping the funds of "West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.
- (b) It was decided that all the trade unions would be involved in district level to spread the awareness of SSY.
- (c) It has also been decided that Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Executive Vice-Chairman of the Board will issue circular to the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Zilla Parishads and Notified Area Authorities for augmentation of cess collection and transfer of collected cess to Board's account and RLOs will visit the cess collecting authorities to pursue the cess collection



- (d) The decisions taken in the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 26.07.2016 at agenda no. 4 to engage local Chartered Accountant's Firm for maintenance and preparation of accounts of the regional offices of the Board should be implemented including the internal audit in their scope of work.
- (e) The particulars of Board members and other details are to be incorporated in the portal wblc.gov.in.
- (f) Member expressed their views against the existing process of implementation of SSY-2017. They questioned about logic for removing the Trade Unions from certifying in application and the discontinuation of benefits like cycle, tools, maternity, marriage etc, meant for construction workers. Further they also stated against the online application system of SSY citing reasons that the beneficiaries are ignorant about the process and SLO are either irregular or not equipped with computers etc. essential for smooth progress.
- (g) As per the questions from the part of the Members of the Board, the Hon'ble Chairman requested the Member Secretary of the Board to call the Board meeting in every quarter by maintaining all the Statute, Rules and Regulations.

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

  
(Joydeep Mukherjee) 28.4.18  
Chairman

**West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board**

## Annexure - 1

Following Members and Officials were present in the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 28.03.2017 at WBUSWWB's Conference room at New Secretariat Buildings, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 1

Shri Joydeep Mukherjee, Advocate, Supreme Court & Chairman

Shri S. Sureshkumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Labour Department & Vice-Chairman.

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

Sri Arup Goswami, Representative of Chief Inspector of Factories, Member

Welfare commissioner, Labour Welfare Organization, Kolkata, Govt. of India, Member

Shri KekaSarma, Representative of BCC, Member

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

Shri ShyamaprasadDey, Representative of CITU, Member

Shri Dilip Bhattacharya, Representative of AIUTUC, Member

Shri Goutam Chakraborty, Representative of INTUC, Member

Shri Biplab Bhatta, Representative of AIUTUC, Member

Officials other than members who attended the meeting:-

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

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

Shri ParthaSarathi Chakraborty, Dy. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Shri Dipak Kumar Sarkar, Dy. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Smt. Manisha Bhattacharyya, Dy. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Shri MihiranBaidya, Asstt. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Shri Sumit Ghosh, Asstt. Labour Commissioner, W.B.