



Proceedings of the 31st meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 31.08.2018 at WBUSWWB's Conference room at New Secretariat Buildings, 8th 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 Smt. Sharmila Khatua, newly appointed Secretary of the Board to initiate discussions agenda-wise.

The Secretary, WBOCW Welfare Board then placed the proceedings of the 30th Board meeting held on 28.03.18 for confirmation along with the action taken report on the decisions taken during the 30th Board meeting.

Agenda No. 1	Confirmation of Board Meeting held on 28.03.2018
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The proceedings of the 30th meeting of the Board held on 28.03.2018 were confirmed.

Agenda No. 2	Status Report of BOCW upto July, 2018
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Progress under BOCW upto July, 2018 was apprised by Smt. Sharmila Khatua, Secretary to the Board members – Number of Beneficiaries enrolled upto 31.07.2018 is 31,03,121. During the financial year 2018-19 (01.04.18 to 31.07.18) number of beneficiaries registered was 10,413.

Agenda No. 3	Post Fact approval by the Board of the expenditure incurred for the period 01.03.2018 to 31.07.2018
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The Board approved the head-wise expenditure amounting to Rs.50,69,97,825/- only incurred for the period from 01.03.2018 to 31.07.2018. Out of Rs.50,69,97,825/- only Rs.48,87,95,113/- only spent for benefit disbursement to the beneficiaries and Rs.1,82,02,712/- only spent as Administrative Expenses. Board Members confirmed the expenditure.

Agenda No. 4	Proposals regarding implementation of the decision of the 9th meeting of the Monitoring Committee on BOCW held on 13.08.18 in New Delhi.
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(a) In the 9th meeting of the Monitoring Committee inter-alia recommended the following:

i) Construction of Transit Accommodation / Hostel / Labour Shed / Night Shelter etc. for construction workers' as per direction of the Central Government dt. 11.07.2017 w.r.t. provision u/s 60 of the BOCW Act, 1996.

ii) Grant for women labour during maternity period for wage loss of 26 weeks.

The Board assent to study/ examine the financial implication and modus operandi of above two issues and draw an action plan regarding the same before next Board meeting.

(b) The Monitoring Committee has recommended for Mechanism Development to monitor regular construction activities by GIS Technology / Mapping etc. The Board discussed the

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same and action plan will be taken after examining the Financial Implication, Technical Aspect and Modus Operandi.

(c) Pension enhanced from @Rs.750/- per month to @Rs.1500/- per month after discussion with effect from date of Government Notification though CITU representative Shri Debanjan Chakraborty proposed to enhance the pension @Rs.3000/- per month.

(d) Self Certification by BOC workers for registration with the Board has been approved in the Board meeting. CITU representative Shri Debanjan Chakraborty opposed the proposal and INTTUC representative Dola Sen proposed to take the opinions of construction workers in this regard.

(e) Proposal for enhancement of renewal of membership of Building and other construction workers to 5 years from every year with zero contribution per year and zero registration fee for initial registration of new BOCW Workers has been accepted in the Board meeting though CITU representative Shri Debanjan Chakraborty strongly opposed it.

Agenda No. 5	Miscellaneous
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1. CITU representative Shri Debanjan Chakraborty alleged that many claims prior to 31.03.17 are pending till date and produced a list of the same before the Board for taking necessary action in this regard. He accused that many BOCW Pass books are missing from Mathurapur – II LWFC, South 24-Parganas. He mentioned that during 2014-15 many registrations were not done in Kultali LWFC despite the collection of Registration Fees from the workers. He sought for the list of Local Chartered Accountants for internal audits to 68 RLOs. He also sought for the cess related circulars issued by the Board for augmentation of cess collection for last 5 years. He mentioned that Head of the Institutions are not issuing certificate to endorsed Education Assistance Claims. He also proposed that in rural areas local nursing homes and pathological centres may be included for health scheme for the benefit of the BOCW workers and SLOs may be provided with computers and its accessories for proper implementation of the BOCW Scheme. He also proposed to include the BOCW beneficiaries under ESIS coverage.

2. AITUC representative Shri Biplab Bhatta complained that SSY portal is problematic and the old records are not matching with erstwhile beneficiaries. It is troublesome to provide father's name for married women beneficiaries. He also sought solutions for the renewal failure cases due to launch of SSY.

3. INTTUC representative Dola Sen sought for a year-wise report regarding the nō. of registration of Stone Crushing and Brick Field workers which may be produced before the next Board meeting. The proposal for inclusion of BOCW beneficiaries under ESIS coverage was thoroughly discussed. Dola Sen claimed that the State run Multi-Super speciality and Super Speciality hospitals are treating better than ESI covered hospitals. Further the premiums for inclusion is too high in respect of cess collection. Therefore, the proposal was dropped and it was resolved that ESIS will be briefed about the present available medical facilities provided to the BOCW beneficiaries and their dependants.

The Board decided that Central Trade Unions will be invited by e-mail and phones to attend the Shramik Melas, Awareness Generation Camps etc. and they will be briefed in detailed about the venue and date of the same.

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Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Member Secretary, Board declared that all pending claims prior to 31.03.2017 have already been cleared but if the Trade Unions can provide specific information about pending claims, then the matter will be jointly verified for taking necessary action.

For development of infrastructure Board approved, as follows:

- Engagement of a car on monthly basis for the Board office for augmentation and daily monitoring of Cess collection along with compliance with Income Tax Department and office of the Principal Auditor General.
- Vodafone connection used by Secretary, Board will be upgraded from 3G 299 plan to 4G 699 plan along with a new smart phone & power bank.

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

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Chairperson

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Shri Joydeep Mukherjee, Advocate, Supreme Court & Chairman

Shri S. Suresh Kumar, 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 Tilak Bandhpadhyay, Joint Director, Representative of Chief Inspector of Factories, Member

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

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

Shri Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Representative of BNCCI, Member

Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta, Representative of BAI, Member

Dola Sen, Representative of INTTUC, Member

Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, Representative of CITU, Member

Shri Dilip Bhattacharya, Representative of AIUTUC, Member

Shri Ramen Pandey, Representative of INTUC, Member

Shri Biplab Bhatta, Representative of AITUC, Member

Officials other than members who attended the meeting:-

Smt. Sharmila Khatua, Addl. Labour Commissioner & Secretary, W.B.B. & O.C.W.W. Board

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

Shri Subrata Sanyal, Incoming CF & CAO, W.B.B. & O.C.W.W. Board

Shri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, Dy. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

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

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

Shri Mihiran Baidya, Asstt. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

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