

Proceedings of the 33rd meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 17.12.2019 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, Secretary of the Board to initiate discussions agenda-wise.

The Secretary, WBBOW Welfare Board thanked the Chairman and initiated the discussion with the permission of the Chair as per agenda:

Agenda No. 1 : Confirmation of Board Meeting held on 18.06.2019

The proceedings of the 32nd Board Meeting held on 18.06.2019 were placed before the Board were read and unanimously confirmed except the Agenda No. 7: Miscellaneous decision No. 4 - where Board Members opined that nominated Members shall henceforth refrain from deputing a representative to attend the Board Meeting, leave of absence would be granted to the absentee Members.

CITU representative, Debanjan Chakraborty raised objection to this decision and requested for a guideline on the issue. INTUC representative Goutam Chakraborty opined the same.

The matter was discussed as resolved that let the matter be referred to the Law Cell of Labour Department for a legal opinion.

Agenda No. 2 : Status Report of BOCW upto November, 2019

Progress under BOCW upto November, 2019 was apprised by Smt. Sharmila Khatua, Secretary to the Board members - Number of Beneficiaries enrolled upto 30.11.2019 is 31,50,537. During the Financial Year 2019-20 up to 30th November, 2019 number of beneficiaries registered was 23,410.

Secretary, Board also informed Board members - Number of beneficiaries enrolled as construction workers under SSY-2017 upto 30.11.2019 is 37,31,882. During the FY 2019-20 up to 30th November, 2019 the number of Beneficiaries registered as construction workers under SSY-2017 is 2,27,547.

CITU representative, Debanjan Chakraborty apprehend that workers of other sectors registered themselves as BOC Workers due to huge fund of Board and various facilities provided by the BOC Board. He also requested for thorough scrutiny of application before registration.

Agenda No. 3 : Post Fact approval by the Board of the expenditure incurred for the period 01.06.2019 to 30.11.2019

The Board approved the head-wise expenditure amounting to Rs.73,35,79,219/- only incurred for the period from 01.06.2019 to 30.11.2019. Out of Rs.73,35,79,219/- only Rs.72,66,97,756/- only has spent for benefit disbursement to the beneficiaries and Rs.68,81,463/- only spent as Administrative Expenses.

Board Members approved the expenditure.

Agenda No. 4 : Proposal for approval of fund transfer of Rs. 1400 crore from SBI to Govt. Treasury

It is to be noted that Board in its 30th Meeting held on 28.03.18 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". Accordingly, Board within 22.01.19 has deposited a fund of Rs. 1400 crore by making 16 demand drafts to Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II through T.R. Form No. 7 at Receipt Head of Account: 8342—00—113—00—002—07—00.

CITU representative Shri Debanjan Chakraborty and INTUC representative Goutam Chakraborty objected this fund transfer of Rs. 1400 crore from Board's A/c. to Government Head of A/c. cited here in before.

It was decided by majority of the members of the Board that the transfer of Rs1,400 crores made during the financial year 2018-19 from Board's A/c to Govt A/c in the larger interest of the state be approved which was carried out and accordingly the fund was transferred from SBI A/c to Govt Treasury A/c at Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II.

Agenda No. 5 : Miscellaneous

- a. After placing a budget proposal, Board approved the proposed Budget for the FY – 2019-20 estimated to Rs. 162.75 Cr. against estimated receipt of Rs. 360 Cr. (Cess - Rs. 345 Cr; Beneficiary Contribution – Rs. 2 Cr. & Interest - Rs. 13 Cr.) The detailed Budget proposal will be placed in the next Board meeting.
- b. Some points required to be resolved regarding Disability Pension were placed before Board Members.

After discussion, it was decided that benefit relating to disability Pension would be sanctioned as per existing rules and on case to case basis.

- c. Engagement of Income Tax Consultant for WBOCWW Board for obtaining Exemption U/s 10(46) of Income Tax Act, 1961.

Board unanimously decided to engage an Income Tax Consultant immediately to obtain Exemption U/s 10(46) of Income Tax Act, 1961 observing rules.

- d. Engagement of C.A. Firm for conducting Internal Audit and Annual Accounts of the Board Office for the FY- 2019-20.

Board unanimously decided to engage C.A. Firm immediately for conducting Internal Audit and preparing Annual Accounts of the Board for the FY- 2019-20 in compliance with existing Rules.

- e. It is to be noted that 5 contractual staff (2 Group – C & 3 Group – D) attached to Board Office are being paid as per Finance Department Memorandum No: 4011-F(P), dated: 20.05.2013. Now, they will be paid as per Labour Commissionerate Memo No: 313/Stat/RW/04/LCS/JLC/93, dated: 14.12.2018 which is revised every year.

Board unanimously approved the proposal.

- f. CITU representative, Debanjan Chakraborty requested to take necessary steps on the pending claims submitted by them to the Labour Commissioner, W.B. & Member Secretary, Board. He also requested to provide details of Pension Benefit paid to the BOC workers for the period from 2006-07 to 2019-20.

Shri Chakraborty further requested to provide centre / district wise list of beneficiaries who have received stipend for skill development.

Secretary, Board assured him that the information would be sent to him by e-mail.

- g. The schedule of ensuing Shramik Mela-January 2020 was circulated among the Board Members with the request for their active participation Board.

The Chairperson invited all the members of the Board to attend in as many Melas as possible as per their convenience. The Member Secretary, Labour Commissioner informed the House that all DLCs & ALCs in the district have been asked to provide all assistance to the Member in order to enable them to attend the mela.

There being no other points to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Joydeep Mukherjee
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Chairperson

West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board

Annexure - 1

Following Members and Officials were present in the 33rd meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 17.12.2019 at WBUSWWB's Conference room at New Secretariat Buildings, 8th Floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 1

Shri Joydeep Mukherjee, Advocate, Supreme Court & Chairperson.

Smt Gomu Lama, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Labour Department, Member.

Shri Jawaid Akhtar, I.A.S., Labour Commissioner & Member Secretary, Board.

Shri Ashis Kumar Ghosal, Chief Inspector of Factories, Member.

Shri Manas Ghosh, Representative of BCC, Member.

Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, Representative of CITU, Member.

Shri Goutam Chakraborty, Representative of INTUC, Member.

Officials other than members who attended the meeting:-

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

Shri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, Joint. Labour Commissioner(P), W.B.

Shri Dipak Kumar Sarkar, Joint. Labour Commissioner(P), W.B.

Shri Sanatan Pramanik, Dy. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Smt. Debasree Roy, Dy. Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Shri Mihiran Baidya, Dy. Labour Commissioner(P), W.B.

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