

Proceedings of the 34th meeting of the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board held on 15.07.2020 at 1.30 PM in the Conference Hall, 8th Floor, B Block, New Secretariat Building, Kol – 700 001.

The members present in the 34th meeting of the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board are mentioned in Annexure- 1.

Secretary of the WBB&OCWW Board initiated the discussion & after a threadbare discussion, the Board approved the following decision taken in the meeting agenda wise, details are as follows:

Agenda point 1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 33rd. Board Meeting held on 17.12.19 & its Action Taken Report:

Board confirmed the Proceedings of 33rd. Board Meeting held on 17.12.19 & it's Action Taken Report.

Agenda point 2: Status Report under BOCWA up to June, 2020:

Board accepted the Status Report under BOCWW Scheme of the Act up to June, 2020

Agenda point 3: Post – facto approval by the Board of the expenditure incurred for the period from 01.12.2019 to 30.06.20:

Board approved the expenditure incurred for the period from 01.12.2019 to 30.06.20

Agenda point 4: Approval of the Annual Accounts of the WBB&OCWW Board for the FY, 18-19:

Board unanimously adopted the Annual Accounts of the WBB&OCWW Board for the FY, 18-19 which are to be sent to C.A.G for verification.

Agenda point 5: Adoption of the Scheme "Bina Mulye Samajik Suraksha Yojana (BMSSY)". - An improved version of "Samajik Suraksha Yojana": -

- a) A consolidated version of social security scheme, called **Samajik Suraksha Yojana (SSY)**, was introduced in the State with effect from 01.04.2017 and has been continuing till date under the implementing authority of Labour Commissionerate of Labour Department, Government of West Bengal.

The State government, in the State budget of the F.Y. 2019-20 has proposed that in the scheme "**Bina Mulye Samajik Suraksha Yojana (BMSSY)**", it will contribute the beneficiaries' part of contribution i.e. Rs.25/- p.m. in addition to its own contribution of Rs.30/- p.m., in total Rs.55/- p.m. will be paid by the State Government in the account of the beneficiary and will also pay interest on it as usual. Since no contribution from the beneficiary is required now, the Samajik Suraksha Yojana (SSY) may now be renamed as Bina Mulye Samajik Suraksha Yojana (BMSSY).

The matter has been discussed and it was unanimously resolved that the Board will adopt the proposal of the State Government of renaming the scheme as BMSSY and it was also resolved that the Board will contribute the beneficiary's contribution of Rs. 25/- per month along with the Board's contribution of Rs. 30/- and interest as usual out of its cess fund.



- b) **Health and Family Welfare:** There is a State Government run health insurance scheme called "Swasthyasathi". Specified categories of persons and their families are eligible to get insurance coverage of upto Rs. 5 lakh annually under the scheme for treatment of illness and adverse health conditions.

It was proposed that the present provision of SSY, 2017 of Health and Family Welfare, where maximum amount of medical reimbursement is up to Rs. 60, 000/- p.a, will be discontinued and all the registered beneficiaries under SSY, 2017 will be brought under the coverage of the State run health scheme called 'Swasthyasathi', where the coverage is up to five lakh per family per year thus making the scheme SSY more beneficial in the matter of assistance for Health and Family Welfare.

The matter was discussed and resolved that the State Government be moved to cover all the beneficiaries, who are unorganised construction workers, enrolled under the SSY, under the Scheme Swasthyasathi in lieu of the present health facilities.

- c) **Education:** The State Government is implementing a number of scholarship schemes for the students of the weaker section and meritorious students of the State under its various programmes such as:

- i) Kanyashree Prakalpa – Annual Scholarship of Rs. 1000/- and a onetime grant of Rs. 25000/- for unmarried girls aged 13 to 18 years enrolled in class VIII-XII.
- ii) Aikyashree – State scholarship for minority students in three categories viz, Pre-matric, Post Matric and Merit cum Means scholarship, assistance ranging from Rs. 1100/- to Rs. 33000/- including hostel and maintenance charges.
- iii) Shikshashree – One-time State grant for SC and ST students from class V to class VIII.
- iv) Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-means Scholarship – State scholarship for students of class XI-XII, under graduate level, post graduate level, Engineering, Medical, Technical and professional courses.
- v) W.B Post Matric Scholarship (S.C./S.T/OBC) – Scholarship including hostel charges for SC/ST/OBC students pursuing studies in class XI to post graduation level.
- vi) WBCM Relief Fund Scholarship- Scholarship provided from Chief Minister Relief Fund to the students passing out from State Board/Council of Secondary/ Higher Secondary Education or a State aided University of West Bengal.
- vii) Hindi Scholarship – Scholarship is given to the students whose mother tongue is not Hindi but studying Hindi as a subject in a recognised full-time course.

And such other scholarships of the State Government.

It is discussed and resolved that, as a considerable number of scholarships are already available to the students of the State, the present provision of providing financial assistance out of cess fund be discontinued to enable the students to avail of the better benefit already available to them and the State Government be informed accordingly.

Agenda point 6: Approval of fund transfer of Rs. 211 crore from West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Fund to the Deposit Account of Govt. Treasury:

All the Board members present in the meeting except representatives of CITU, AITUC & AIUTUC approved the fund transfer of Rs. 211 crore from West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Fund to the Deposit Account of Govt. Treasury.

Agenda point 7: Post – facto approval for expenditure of ₹ 9 crore under 'Prachesta' Scheme:

Except CITU, AITUC & AIUTUC representatives, all the Board members present approved the expenditure of ₹ 9 crore under 'Prachesta' Scheme.

Agenda point 8: Miscellaneous:

- a) Board unanimously passed ₹ 485.58 Cr. as the Budget of WBB&OCWW Board for the FY-2020-21.
- b) Board approved Migration of existing Pension Scheme under BOCW (RE & CS) Act on "Jai Bangla" Portal.
- c) Board has given Post-facto approval for increment of hiring charges of office vehicle for Board and RLOs for implementation of BOCW (RE & CS) Act, 1994 & BOCWW Cess Act, 1994. The hiring charges would be ₹ 1200/- per day for all the offices of the Board except 3 (three) RLOs of hill region viz. - Darjeeling, Kurseong & Kalimpong which is will ₹ 1500/- per day.
- d) Board accords sanction of special provisioning of fund for use of office vehicle during "Covid-19 pandemic Period" for both Board office and RLOs not exceeding the prevailing Government rate as or when require(d).
- e) Board has given Post-facto approval for renewal of engagement of 6 contractual staff attached to Board office which is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name	Nature of Appointment	Appointment Order No. & Date	Probable date of Joining	Renewed Upto
1	Ashim Kumar Saha	Retired contractual Gr. C	706/131/07/WBCWB; dt.: 31.12.2010	01.01.2011	30.06.2020
2	Sudhangsu Sekhar Mondal	Retired contractual Gr. D	203/131/07 WBCWB; dt.: 30.06.2010	01.07.2010	30.06.2020
3	Md. Moin Khan	Retired contractual Gr. D	699/131/07/WBCWB; dt.: 20.03.2014	01.04.2014	31.07.2020
4	Ram Prasad Rai	Retired contractual Gr. D	738/131/07/WBCWB; dt.: 27.03.2015	01.04.2015	31.07.2020
5	Trishanu Bhattacharjee	Contractual Gr. C	177/131/07/WBCWB; dt.: 30.06.2014	01.07.2014	31.12.2020
6	Abhishek Pal	Senior Software Developer on contract	171/WBBOCW; dt.: 03.06.2015	05.06.2015	04.12.2020

The Board members have further asked to firmly abide by the prevailing government norms for renewal of such engagement in future.

Moloy Ghatak

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MIC, Labour
& Chairperson, WBB&OCWW Board

Following Members and Officials were present in the 34th meeting of the West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 15.07.2020 at WBUSWWB's Conference room at New Secretariat Buildings, 8th Floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 1

Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department and Chairperson, W.B.B.&O.C.W.W Board.

Syed Ahmed Baba, Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Labour Department, Member.

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

Shri D.K. Mallick, Welfare Commissioner, Labour Welfare Organization, Kolkata, Representative of Govt. of India.

Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta, Representative of B.A.I.

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

Shri Somesh Dasgupta, Representative of B.C.C & I, Member.

Shri Pradip Banerjee, Representative of I.N.T.T.U.C.

Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, Representative of CITU, Member.

MD. Qamruzzaman Qamar, Representative of INTUC, Member.

Shri Dilip Bhattacharya, Representative of A.I.U.T.U.C, Member.

Officials other than members who attended the meeting:-

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

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.