

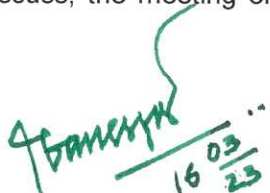
**Proceedings of the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WBB&OCWW Board held on 15.02.2023 at 04:00 p.m. at the Conference Hall, Labour Department, N. S. Buildings (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), Block - A, 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata- 700 001**

The Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, Labour Department took the chair and welcomed all present in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Sri Ritabrata Banerjee, Chairperson, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (Board). He too welcomed all and requested the Secretary, Board to initiate agenda-wise discussions. The list of the members, invitees and officials who attended the meeting is annexed herewith.

1. Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 14.12.2022 was confirmed. The Action Taken Report in connection to this meeting was also placed and discussed.
2. The report regarding the implementation of the BOCW (RE & CS) Act, 1996 and the welfare schemes framed thereunder including the report on collection of Cess up to January, 2023 was discussed.
3. The expenditure incurred during the period from 01.12.2022 to 31.01.2023 was discussed and accorded *post facto* approval.
4. Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department apprised the House regarding the present status of the construction of Crèches and Health Centres. It was discussed that additional fund of Rs. 2,79,00,000/- ( Rs. Two Crore Seventy-Nine Lakh only) for small generator sets for 23 Health Centres and 70 Crèches is required. Apart from the fund released earlier (10% of the estimated budget), another 40% of the estimated total cost for construction of 43 Health Centres and 70 Crèches and purchase of 43 Ambulances, amounting Rs.40, 46, 92,000/- (Rs. Forty Crores Forty-Six Lakh Ninety Two Thousand only) has to be released to expedite the construction process. The issue of additional funds as stated above was approved.
5. The next point of discussion was regarding setting up of Hostels / Transit Accommodation-cum-Training Centres in all the districts of West Bengal. The Board Members was apprised the authorities in 21 districts have already been requested to identify and provide 2 bighas of land for the construction of the Hostels / Transit Accommodation-cum-Training Centres at a suitable location. Apart from this, the PWD has also been requested to furnish detailed project report along with sketch map for this purpose.
6. The Chairperson informed the Board Members regarding the status of the Skill Training of the registered construction workers. Expression of Interest (EOI) for skill development training on eight courses was floated. The target is to impart up skilling training to 1.5 Lakh registered workers in the first phase. A screening committee headed by the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and including Sri T. Sengupta, Secretary of the Board; Sri Kalyan Ganguly, Controller of Finance & Chief Accounts Officer of the Board; and Sri Sandip Nandi; Additional Labour Commissioner (P) attached to the Board as members was constituted to finalise the procedure and allied issues in this regard. The estimated budget of Rs 98.34 Crores for the purpose was approved.

7. The Board members were also informed that Expression of Interest (EOI) for skill development training of the dependent children of the registered construction workers on twenty courses is ready to be floated. In the first phase, 3 Lakh such candidates may be imparted such training from across 10 districts of West Bengal. The screening committee proposed to be constituted for the skill development of construction workers as stated in 6 above will do the needful in this matter as well. The estimated budget of Rs. 421.00 Crores for this purpose was approved.
8. The Controller of Finance & Chief Accounts Officer informed the Board Members that the Habra Municipality and the Siliguri Irrigation Division had wrongly deposited cess in the and may be returned to the concerned authorities. This was approved.
9. Sri Biplab Bhatta, representative of the A.I.T.U.C. & member raised some query regarding the Audit Report of the Board from the period 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020 on the issues of assistance in the scheme PROCHESTA, expenditure of help line charges, maintenance of the deposit account at Kolkata PAO-II along with certain other issues. It was informed that the calculation of the interest accumulated of the fund lying in Deposit Account up to 31.03.2022 has been completed by the accounting agency of the Board. It will be subsequently taken up with the Finance Department through proper channel so that the same may be allocated in the account of the Board. The issue of income tax and related issues were suitably explained from the end of the Controller of Finance & Chief Accounts Officer.
10. Sri Ashok Ghosh, special invitee and Sri Debanjan Chakraborty, representative of C.I.T.U & member requested both the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Board to share the details of the training providers (TPs) and training centres in connection with the skill development training of the construction workers and their dependents. The Hon'ble MIC assured that the list will be shared with the Board Members and their valuable suggestions will be taken into account.
11. Sri Debanjan Chakraborty, representative of C.I.T.U & member raised his objection in accepting any travelling allowance for attending the meetings of the Board. The other non-official members did not have any reservation about the matter and furnished the relevant information for facilitating the process.

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



(Ritabrata Banerjee)  
Chairperson

West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board

**Attendance of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 15.02.2022 at 04.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Labour Department, New Secretariat Buildings (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700 001**

Serial No.	Present	Designation
1.	Shri Moloy Ghatak	Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department
2.	Shri Ritabrata Banerjee	Chairperson, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
3.	Shri Amarnath Mallick	Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Member Secretary
4.	Shri Tirthankar Sengupta	Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Secretary
5.	Shri Kalyan Ganguly	Controller of Finance & Chief Accounts Officer, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
6.	Shri Hemanta Tirkey	Deputy Welfare Commissioner, Labour Welfare Organization, Kolkata & Member.
7.	Shri Sandip Nandi	Additional Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
8.	Shri Ashis Kumar Shit	Chief Inspector of Factories & Member
9.	Shri Shakti Pada Mandal	Representative of I.N.T.T.U.C. & Member
10.	Shri Debanjan Chakraborty	Representative of C.I.T.U. & Member
11.	Shri Ganesh Sarkar	Representative of I.N.T.U.C & Member
12.	Shri Dilip Bhattacharya	Representative of A.I.U.T.U.C. & Member
13.	Shri Biplab Bhatta	Representative of A.I.T.U.C. & Member
14.	Shri Ashok Ghosh	General Secretary, UTUC. Central Committee & Invitee
15.	Shri Manas Ghosh	Representative of B.C.C. & Member
16.	Smt. Arunima Biswas	Joint Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
17.	Shri Subrata Dasgupta	Assistant Labour Commissioner, West Bengal attached to Board
18.	Shri Abhik Nandy	Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
19.	Shri Sumit Ghosh	Assistant Labour Commissioner, West Bengal attached to Board