

Proceedings of the 41st Meeting of the WBB&OCWW Board held on 22.03.2023 at 01:00 p.m. at the Conference Hall, Labour Department, N. S. Buildings (12th 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 present 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. The proceedings of the 40th Board meeting held on 15.02.2023 was confirmed. Sri Dilip Bhattacharya, representative of A.I.U.T.U.C informed that his proposal / objection was not recorded regarding withdrawal of benefit of education and assistance in case of loss of employment. Sri Biplab Bhatta, representative of A.I.T.U.C raised objection about utilising cess fund for the **Prachesta** scheme and requested that the registration of the beneficiary through the BM-SSY portal could be done without taking any help from the SLOs. He also raised the issue of irregular payment of death benefit claims in a particular district. The Hon'ble MIC explained to him the present status of the SLOs and the Secretary of the Board informed the members about **Help Desk** functioning at the Regional Labour Offices for any kind of assistance. It was assured that in case of any discrepancies of fund transfer, the matter will be enquired thoroughly and necessary steps will be taken. The Controller of Finance and Chief Accounts Officer of the Board informed that necessary steps has been taken in the issue of **Prachesta** and the fund will be sought for from the Finance Department. Sri Debanjan Chakraborty, representative of C.I.T.U requested to provide low-cost housing to the registered construction workers who do not have any pucca house at present. The Hon'ble MIC informed that district wise list of *Housing Scheme for All* will be published shortly from the appropriate end; and, if needed, the Board will collect the data and take up the matter in due course.

2. The Action Taken Report (ATR) in connection to the previous meeting was placed and discussed.

3. 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 February, 2023 was discussed.

4. The expenditure incurred during the period from 01.02.2023 to 28.02.2023 was discussed and *post facto* approval was accorded.

5. The Hon'ble MIC apprised the house regarding the present status of the Crèches and Health Centres in the North Bengal region. One Power Point Presentation (PPT) was displayed in the meeting with pictures and video of selected construction sites of the creches and health centres. The Hon'ble Chairman informed the members that one creche at Lakhipara Tea Garden at Jalpaiguri and one Health Centre at Toorsa Tea Garden at Alipurduar need to be built up for the benefit of the construction workers around this area. The proposal was accepted by the members except Sri Debanjan Chakraborty who dissented to it.

Apart from this, the Hon'ble MIC suggested that the trade union representatives of the Board may have a visit to the sites where creches and health centres were under construction in the Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts, preferably in the first week of April. The Board would make all necessary logistical arrangements to and fro and the same was approved.

6. The Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the WBB&OCWW Board for the Financial Year 2019-20 was placed before the Board Members for discussion. Sri Debanjan Chakraborti, representative of C.I.T.U and Sri Biplab Bhatta, representative of A.I.T.U.C raised some issues in this regard. The Controller of Finance and Chief Accounts Officer of the Board explained each of these issues from his end. Sri Ashok Ghosh, Special Invitee requested that the SAR along with the statement of the Board may be sent to all the members for their perusal. However, the Hon'ble MIC assured that residual issues connected to this matter would duly be taken up for discussion in the subsequent meeting of the Board and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) of for the Financial Year 2019-20 was approved.

7. In addition to the above, the following issues were discussed and approved :-

a. The decision taken earlier in respect of the Transit Accommodation-cum-Training Centre was revised. It was decided that 100 bed capacity centres would be constructed at 5 locations in Kolkata, Howrah, Haldia, Asansol and Siliguri only; and, 25 bed capacity centres would be constructed at other 20 locations as decided earlier. However, the Training Centre of 100 person capacity would be there in each the said 25 units to be constructed. As such, revised DPR has been sought for from the PWD for both type of Buildings.

b. It was informed that Rs. 5,50,00,000/- (Rs. 5.5 Crore) has been paid to the Income Tax Department for the Assessment Year 2018-19 in keeping with the Income Tax Department norms and the matter was accorded *post facto* approval. Further, appeal in the matter has been initiated by the WBB&OCWW Board before the CIT, Income Tax Department.

c. The District Magistrate of Malda requested to allot a fund of Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rs. Six Lakh @ of Rs. Two Lakh each) for the accidental death of 3 construction workers of Habibpur Block, who died in the accident in Mizoram on 26.01.2023 due to landslide at workplace, and accordingly, it was approved by the members.

d. The Executive Engineer, Eastern Mechanical Division, PHE Directorate had deposited excess amount of Rs. 57,200/- in the cess fund erroneously; and, as such requested for refund. The same was approved.

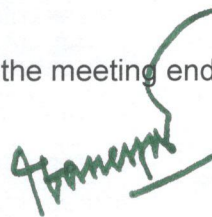
e. An audit firm having adequate branch offices and manpower all over the state will be engaged maintaining due transparency by floating proper quotation / tender, as the case may be.

f. The Controller of Finance & Chief Accounts Officer informed that Tally Prime Software is required for the Board office and the Regional Offices for accounting related matter. The proposal was approved by the Board.

8. The Chairman requested that a suitable File Tracking System be put in place and all present in the meeting agreed to the proposal. However, the Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department informed that the e-office system introduced by the Government was already having such scope.

9. Finally, the Hon'ble MIC assured the members that the inclusion of trade union representatives in the Screening Committee constituted in the previous meeting for the purpose of skill development was under active consideration and will be informed to the Board members in due course.

There being no other point to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.


30/03/23

(Ritabrata Banerjee)
Chairperson

West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board

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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 Barun Kumar Ray	Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department & Member
4.	Shri Amarnath Mallick	Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Member Secretary
5.	Shri Tirthankar Sengupta	Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Secretary
6.	Shri Kalyan Ganguly	Controller of Finance & Chief Accounts Officer, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
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 &
15.	Shri Manas Ghosh	Representative of B.C.C. & Member
16.	Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta	Representative of Builders Association of India
17.	Smt. Arunima Biswas	Joint Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
18.	Shri Subrata Dasgupta	Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
19.	Shri Abhik Nandy	Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
20.	Shri Sumit Ghosh	Assistant Labour Commissioner, West Bengal attached to Board