

Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the reconstituted West Bengal State Social Security Board held on 27.02.2018 at 3-00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, New Secretariat Buildings, 12th floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700 001.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour and ESI Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Chairman;
2. Shri Biplab Roy Chowdhury, Representative of Civil Society, Vice- Chairman;
3. Smt. Suktisita Bhattacharyya, Jt. Secretary, Fisheries Department, West Bengal, Member;
4. Shri A. K. Sengupta, Secretary, Federation of Small and Medium Industries, Member;
5. Shri Kanchan Banerjee, Asst. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, West Bengal, Member;
6. Shri Joydeb Ghose, President, Truck Owners' Association of Bengal, Member;
7. Shri Debanjan Chakraborty, Secretary, C.I.T.U., West Bengal State Committee, Member;
8. Shri Sibnath Sarkar, President, Purba Medinipur District Nirman Karmachari Union, Member.

Other Officials present:

1. Shri Md. Amanul Haque, CEO, WBTWSSS and Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal;
2. Shri Debabrata Kundu, C.A.O. WBTWSSS and C.F. & C.A.O. Labour Commissionerate;
3. Smt. Bidisha Bhattacharyya, Asst. Labour Commissioner, WBTWSSS;
4. Shri Sudip Karmakar, WBSLS.

Hon'ble Chairman and Minister in Charge, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal took the Chair and welcomed the members and other officials present.

The CEO, WBTWSS Scheme reported in the meeting that there were 3, 27,280 number of enrollments under the West Bengal Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme as on 31.01.2018 and an amount of Rs. 98,18,400 has been collected as enrollment fees up to 31.01.2018. Cess collected under the West Bengal Transport Workers' welfare Cess Act, 2010 was Rs. 141, 46, 79,925 up to 31.01.2018. A cumulative amount of benefit of Rs. 67, 70, 61,699 has been given so far to 72,807 beneficiaries.

An agenda wise discussion was initiated thereafter:

1) Approval for compliance with the provisions of SSY – 2017:-

Labour Department, Government of West Bengal vide its notification no. Labr./257/ (LC-LW) dated 03.04.2017 and Labr./698/(LC-LW) dated 12.10.2017 introduced a scheme called Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 2017 (SSY, 2017) w.e.f. 01.04.2017, wherein, inter alia, it has been stated that, transport workers presently registered under WBTWSS Scheme are eligible to be included as beneficiary.

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Vide another Labour Department, Govt. of West Bengal, notification no. Labr./255/LC-LW dated 03.04.17, all other provisions of the existing scheme, except clauses relating to benefits such as pension, family pension and cashless medical benefits in case of auto and taxi drivers, have been repealed resulting in the existence of the WBTWSSS in a truncated form.

Benefits presently admissible to transport workers have been modified according to the above mentioned G. O.s.

All types of common benefits and extra benefits are now payable to eligible transport workers as enlisted under SSY, 2017 as noted in the following table:

Sl. No.	Type of benefit	Amount	Remarks
1.	Ailments covered under WBHS, 2008 (hospitalization and outdoor treatment for beneficiary and /or family members)	Upto Rs. 20,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.2 (a) of notification of SSY, 2017
2.	Surgery case for beneficiary and /or family members	Upto Rs. 60,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.2 (b) of notification of SSY, 2017
3.	Hospitalisation due to accident for beneficiary himself/herself	Upto Rs. 10,000/-	Under Para 8.2 (c) of notification of SSY, 2017
4.	Accidental death of beneficiary	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Under Para 8.3 (a) of notification of SSY, 2017
5.	Normal death of beneficiary	Rs. 50,000/-	Under Para 8.3 (b) of notification of SSY, 2017
6.	40% disability of the beneficiary	Rs. 50,000/-	Under Para 8.3 (c) of notification of SSY, 2017

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7.	Loss of both eyes/loss of use of both hands/feet	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Under Para 8.3 (d) of notification of SSY, 2017
8.	Loss of one eye/loss of use of one hand /foot	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Under Para 8.3 (e) of notification of SSY, 2017
9.	Education assistance for reading in Class XI	Rs. 4,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.4 (a) (i) of notification of SSY, 2017
10.	Education assistance for reading in Class XII	Rs. 5,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.4 (a) (ii) of notification of SSY, 2017
11.	Education assistance for training at ITI	Rs. 6,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.4 (a) (iii) of notification of SSY, 2017
12.	Education assistance for reading in UG	Rs. 6,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.4 (a) (iv) of notification of SSY, 2017
13.	Education assistance for reading in PG	Rs. 10,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.4 (a) (v) of notification of SSY, 2017
14.	Education assistance for reading in Polytechnic	Rs. 10,000/- p.a	Under Para 8.4 (a) (vi) of notification of SSY, 2017
15.	Education assistance for reading Medical/ Engineering	Rs. 30,000/- per annum	Under Para 8.4 (a) (vii) of notification of SSY, 2017
16.	Assistance for completion of UG or equivalent skill development studies for upto two unmarried daughters	Rs. 25,000/- in each case	Under Para 8.4 (b) of notification of SSY, 2017

Apart from the provisions as noted in the above table, Provident Fund scheme has been made available to all transport workers, vide Para 8.1 of notification of SSY, 2017, provided they opt for it as per procedures detailed in SSY, 2017.



All such alterations, modifications and inclusions were placed before the Board for appraisal and approval. The above matter was discussed and debated in length and the Board approved of the Scheme of "SSY, 2017".

However, the representative of C.I.T.U. submitted a memorandum of dissent and noted their disagreement in regard of the Scheme of SSY, 2017.

2) Approval for opening of Bank Accounts in the name of "SSY 2017 – PF Account Transport":-

A current account has been opened having the following details:-

- Name of the account – SSY PF TRANSPORT (Current Account),
- Account number - 37532349599,
- Names of account operators - Md. Amanul Haque, Addl. L. C. & CEO, WBTWSSS & Sri Debabrata Kundu, CF & CAO, Labour Commissionerate,
- Name of Bank & branch with address – State Bank of India, Specialised Institutional Banking (SIB) Branch, 4th Floor, Block 'C' & 'D', Samriddhi Bhavan, 1, Strand Road, Kol – 700001,
- IFSC Code – SBIN0014524.

A savings bank account has also been opened having the following details:-

- Name of the account – SSY PF TRANSPORT (Savings Bank),
- Account number - 37532350605,
- Names of account operators - Md. Amanul Haque, Addl. L. C. & CEO, WBTWSSS & Sri Debabrata Kundu, CF & CAO, Labour Commissionerate,
- Name of Bank & branch with address – State Bank of India, Specialised Institutional Banking (SIB) Branch, 4th Floor, Block 'C' & 'D', Samriddhi Bhavan, 1, Strand Road, Kol – 700001,
- IFSC Code – SBIN0014524.

The opening of the above Bank Accounts have received post facto approval by the members of the Board.

3) Approval of pension cases:-

Monthly pension in respect of 16 (sixteen) number of beneficiaries as per clause 12 of WBTWSS in resolution 907/IR/E-il/1-A/4/10 dt 13.08.2010 read with clause 1 of Labour Department, IR branch amendment notification no. 183-IR/Eil/1/A/4/10 dt 16.02.2015 & Sl. No. 1 under clause 5 Labour Department, LW Branch notification no. Labr./255(LC-LW)/5M-112-16 dt 03.04.2017, has been sanctioned by the Chairman, West Bengal State Social Security Board, details of which are given below:-

Sl No	RLO	Name with Registration No	Rate of pension (per month)	Period of payment	Amount (Rs.)
1	Asansol	Bharat Shaw (TW/ASN/0002761)	Rs. 1510/-	Aug 2016 to Sept 2017	21,140/-

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2	Asansol	Chandan Kumar Nath (TW/ASN/000409)	Rs. 1500/-	Feb 2016 to Sept 2017	30,000/-
3	Raiganj	Madan Hembram (TW/RAI/000183)	Rs. 1500/-	Feb 2016 to Sept 2017	30,000/-
4.	Raiganj	Gourhari Das (TW/RAI/000474)	Rs. 1500/-	Janu 2016 to Sept 2017	24,000/-
5	Chandernagore	Tarak Chandra Ghosh (TW/CDN/000066)	Rs. 1500/-	July 2016 to Sept 2017	22,500/-
6	Bishnupur	Sudhanshu Hatui (TW/BSP/000035)	Rs. 1500/-	Mar 2016 to Sept 2017	28,500/-
7	Ghatal	Dulal Chowdhuri (TW/GTL/000029)	Rs. 1500/-	Mar 2016 to Sept 2017	28,500/-
8	Ghatal	Santi Singha Roy (TW/GTL/000148)	Rs. 1510/-	Sept 2016 to Sept 2017	19,630/-
9	Barrackpore	Monoranjan Nath (TP1711004442)	Rs. 1500/-	Apr 2016 to Sept 2017	27,000/-
10	Arambag	Dilip Kumar Mullick (TW/ARM/000104)	Rs. 1510/-	July 2016 to Sept 2017	22,650/-
11	Arambag	Binay Dutta (TW/ARM/000289)	Rs. 1500/-	Jan 2016 to Sept 2017	31,500/-
12	Arambag	Sadhan Chandra Palit (TW/ARM/000249)	Rs. 1510/-	Aug 2016 to Sept 2017	21,140/-
13	Arambag	Biman Bandyopadhyay (TW/ARM/000053)	Rs. 1510/-	Aug 2016 to Sept 2017	21,140/-
14	Lalbag	Nurujjaman Mia (TW/LBG/019)	Rs. 1510/-	Sept 2016 to Sept 2017	19,630/-
15	Chinsura	Avijit Ganguly (TW/CHN/000001)	Rs. 1500/-	Nov 2015 to Sept 2017	34,500/-
16	Siliguri	Munna Khan (TW/SLG/000257)	Rs. 1500/-	Nov 2016 to Sept 2017	16,500/-



The above pension payments have received post facto approval from the members of the Board.

4) Approval of decisions taken in the meeting of the Executive Council under the West Bengal Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme held on 31.10.2017:-

In the interest of public service, the Executive Council under the WBTWSSS, 2010 took certain decisions in the meeting dated 31.10.2017. This was discussed in detail and approved in today's meeting. A copy of the said decisions in the form of resolution is placed with the proceedings as Annexure A and shall be considered as part of the proceedings.

5) Miscellaneous matters with the permission of the Chair:-

10 (ten) numbers of applications for assistance for death cases have been received by this office from different Regional Labour Offices (RLOs). In these cases the certificates of registrations of those deceased beneficiaries have not been renewed within specified time due to illness/ ignorance of their family / or otherwise. A synopsis of these 10 (ten) cases were placed before the Board:

Sl No	Name of deceased transport worker with Regn. No.	Name of RLO	Name of the Nominee	Date of Death	Renewed upto	Amount Claimed	Remarks
1	Lt Shyamal Santra TW/KOL/48 29 Dt 24.11.10	Kolkata	Smt. Chaitali Santra (wife)	31.12.14	31.10.13	50,000/-	1) Due to prolonged illness could not renew registration in time 2) Recommended by Hon'ble C.M. Office
2	Lt Sakkhigopal Poddar TW/KOL/50 52 Dt 25.11.10	Kolkata	Smt. Lakshmi Poddar (wife)	12.02.14	31.10.13	53,000/-	Due to ignorance of family members registration is not renewed in time
3	Lt Rajesh Kumar Singh TW/KOL/23 921 Dt 28.11.14	Kolkata	Smt. Ranju Singh (wife)	01.04.16	31.10.15	2,00,000/-	Smt Mala Saha, MLA has requested to condone the non-renewal of registration
4	Lt Gouranga Barman TW/RAI/134 8 Dt 29.09.13	Raiganj	Smt Jayanti Barman (wife)	03.11.14	31.08.14	53,000/-	Due to ignorance of family members registration is not renewed in time

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5	Lt Bimal Parui TP17150008 71 Dt 15.09.10	Barrack pore	Smt Kalpana Parui (wife)	21.03.16	31.08.14	50,000/-	Due to ignorance of family members registration is not renewed in time
6	Lt Shyamal Santra TW/KOL/ 4829 Dt 24.11.10	Kolkata	Smt. Chaitali Santra (wife)	31.12.14	31.10.13	50,000/-	1) Due to prolonged illness could not renew registration in time 2) Recommended by Hon'ble C.M. Office
6	Lt Jayanta Dey TW/SLG/ 1537 Dt 18.11.11	Siliguri	Smt Dipali Sarkar Dey (wife)	20.01.14	31.10.13	53,000/-	Due to illness could not renew the registration in time
7	Lt Makhanlal Debnath TW/SLG/ 536 Dt 07.01.11	Siliguri	Smt Binoda Debnath (wife)	09.05.14	31.10.13	53,000/-	Due to illness could not renew the registration in time
8	Lt Harekrishna Mishra TW/DGP/ 1130	Durgapur	Smt Lakshmi Mishra (wife)	19.10.13	30.09.13	53,000/-	Due to illness could not renew the registration in time
9	Lt Ashok Marandi TW/DGP/ 3757 Dt 27.12.13	Durgapur	Smt Pratima Marandi (wife)	15.02.15	30.11.14	53,000/-	Due to illness could not renew the registration in time
10	Lt Ashok Bannerjee TW/SRM/ 1424 Dt 19.11.13	Serampore	Smt Biva Bannerjee (wife)	26.01.17	31.10.16	50,000/-	1) Due to illness could not renew the registration in time 2) P. S. to MIC, Lab. Dept. forwarded the case for consideration

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Considering all the facts cited above, these cases were treated by the Board as 'special cases' and payment of death benefit to their nominees have been allowed.

There being no other issue for discussion, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

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&
Minister-in-charge, Labour Department,
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Enclo.: Annexure – A
(proceedings of the 12th meeting
of the Executive Council
of the West Bengal State Social Security Board
held on 31.10.2017)