

Proceedings of the 4th meeting of the West Bengal Social Security Board held on 26.09.2019 at 3.00 P. M. in the Conference Hall of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, New Secretariat Buildings, 8th floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700001

Members present in the meeting:

1. Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, Chairman;
2. Shri Biplab Roy Chowdhury, Representative of Civil Society and Vice Chairman;
3. Shri S. Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary, Labour Department and Member;
4. Shri Jawaid Akhtar, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Member Secretary;
5. Shri Bijay Kumar Roy, Deputy Secretary, Transport Department, representative;
6. Shri Shibnath Sarkar, President, Purba Medinipur District Nirman Karmachari
7. Shri Madhupati Das, Deputy Secretary, Micro and Small Scale Industries Department, Government of West Bengal, Member;
8. Shri Jaydeb Ghosh, Secretary, Truck Owners' Association of Bengal, Representative;

Other officials present:

1. Smt. Sharmila Khatua, CEO, WBTWSSS and Additional Labour Commissioner
2. Shri Subrata Sanyal, C.A.O. WBTWSSS and CF & CAO, Labour Commissionerate
3. Shri Sanatan Pramanik, Deputy Labour Commissioner & Addl. CEO of WBTWSSS
4. Smt. Debasree Roy, Deputy Labour Commissioner & Addl. CEO of WBTWSSS
5. Bidisha Bhattacharya, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kolkata

Hon'ble Chairman of the Board and Minister in Charge, Labour Department, Govt of West Bengal took the chair and welcomed, Vice- Chairman, Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department and member, the Labour Commissioner and Member Secretary, other members and officials present. Then he initiated discussion.

An agenda wise discussion held thereafter and decision taken thereof as follows :-

Agenda No 1: Approval of the proceedings of the 3rd meeting of the Board:

The 3rd meeting of the West Bengal State Social Security Board, as reconstituted on 31.08.2016 under the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008, was held on 12.12.2018 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department in the Conference Hall of Labour Department, Govt of West Bengal, N. S. Buildings, 12th Floor. The proceedings of the said meeting were delivered to the members vide memo no 241(28)/WBTWSSS/Estt/32/1/19 dt 11.09.2019 and was placed for approval.

It was discussed and approved unanimously.

Agenda No 2: Action Taken Report

As per proceedings of the 3rd meeting, actions taken under 1) Approval of pension cases. 2) Introduction of monthly pension 3) Engagement of contractual Group C employee were informed to the members of the Board for their kind appraisal.

M. Ghatak

Agenda No 3: Approval of audited statement of Accounts for Financial year 2018-19:-

Audited statement of Accounts of the Scheme for the financial year 2018-19 prepared by M/S. A.K. Patel and Associates, the appointed Chartered Accountant firm was placed before the members of the board and was approved unanimously.

Agenda No 4: Approval of Pension cases: -

Application for monthly pension of 242 numbers of beneficiaries under WBTWSSS have been received in the office of CEO, WBTWSSS and approved by the Labour Commissioner, enclosed as Annex-B with the Agenda note.

The Board accorded post facto approval to these cases.

Agenda No 5: Amendment of the WBTWSSS: -

In WBTWSSS, Assistant Labour Commissioners under the State Government are authorised to function as Registering Authority under the scheme. But in SSY-2017⁹ Inspectors under Labour Commissionerate are acting as Registering Authority with regard to all types of unorganised workers. Hence an amendment of WBTWSSS is necessary for making inspectors the Registering Authority in lieu of the Assistant Labour Commissioners. A proposal in this regard has already been sent to the Government and has been approved by the Executive Council. The same was placed before the members of the Board and was approved unanimously after discussion among Board members.

Agenda No 6: Delegation of power regarding delay condonation: -

Presently the time limit for condonation of delay in renewal of registration of a beneficiary under the scheme by different authorities is as under:-

Assistant Labour Commissioner- 6 months.

CEO – 9 months

Labour Commissioner – 12 months

Now it has been held necessary for smooth functioning of the scheme to delegate the power of condonation of delay to Assistant Labour Commissioner Level upto 12 months. This proposal was placed before the Board. The members of the Board discussed on the issue and approved the proposal.

Agenda No 7: Income Tax case – notable verdict:-

An application for Renewal / Extension of exemption under section 10(46) of the IT Act., 1961 has already been made to authorities concerned. This is informed to the members of the Board.

M. J. Halani

Agenda No 8: Inclusion of Toto/ e-rickshaw drivers in WBTWSSS: -

It has been asked from different corners since recent past whether Toto and E-rickshaw drivers can be treated as transport workers and be included in WBTWSSS. The issue was discussed in the 13th meeting of the Executive Council on 24.06.2019 and as per the resolution of that meeting it was being placed before the Board. It has been resolved by the members of the Board that a proposal to that effect would be sent to the appropriate Govt. authority for necessary order.

Agenda No 9: Engagement of accountant to prepare Accounts and Auditor for auditing the same for Financial Year 2019-20:-

The proposal that M/s. N.C. Banerjee & Co. may be engaged for preparation of accounts of WBTWSSS and M/s. Banerjee, Sarkar & Co. May be engaged for doing Audit of the Statement of Accounts of WBTWSSS for Financial year 2019-20, being the firms which quoted lowest amounts of charges, was placed before the members of the Board and was approved unanimously.

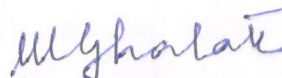
Agenda No 10: Approval of Budget for Financial year 2019-20:-

Budget for the financial year 2019-20 has been placed before the Board, enclosed as Annex-C with the Agenda note and was approved.

Agenda No 11: Miscellaneous: -

- a) The issue of giving allowances to the members of the Board for attending meeting has been discussed and was decided that a proposal to that effect will be sent to the appropriate Govt. authority.
- b) Discussion over the issue that the car hiring rate of RLO may be enhanced was held and was duly approved.
- c) Discussions over the issues – 1) Treasury Fund to be operated by Board and 2) Bank Accounts of RLOs to be closed & through Treasury all payments will be made - were held in details and was duly approved. The Board also approved transfer of Rupees 76.62 crore only from the bank of the WBTWSSS to Kolkata PAO-II post facto.
- d) It was decided in the meeting that special drives are required throughout West Bengal in order to increase enrollment of transport workers in the Scheme.

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



(Moloy Ghatak)

Chairman, West Bengal State social Security Board
&
Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department
Govt. of West Bengal