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The minutes of the first meeting of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board held at the chamber of Hon'ble MIC, Labour and Power, Govt of West Bengal at New Secretariat Building (7th floor), on 22-9-2008.

The meeting was attended by persons as per annexure I. Hon'ble MIC, and Chairman of the Board initiated the discussions and requested the Joint Secretary, Labour Department to state the agenda.

Joint Secretary, Labour Department mentioned the agenda items of the discussions i.e., functioning of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, setting up of the Executive Council including the selection of CEO and other functionaries and miscellaneous.

Hon'ble MIC, Hon'ble MOS, Principal Secretary, Special Secretary, Labour Department, Labour Commissioner, WB and other government officials highlighted the salient features of the scheme. Other members also presented their views and contributed to the discussions.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. The Board will start functioning at the premises of the West Bengal Labour Welfare Board situated at Kankurgachi, Kolkata till a suitable space is available at New Secretariat Building, Kolkata.
2. The composition of the Executive Council u/s 8(1) of the W B Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Act, 2007 would be as follows:
 - a) Sri Anadi Kumar Sahu, Hon'ble MOS, Labour Department is nominated by the Board as Chairman of the Executive Council.
 - b) Sri A K Bhattacharya, WBLS, Welfare Commissioner ^{with the rank of} and Additional Labour Commissioner will act as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member-Secretary of the Executive Council.
 - c) Sri Biswajit Das, Manager (F&A), West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited, C/o Corporate Finance, Vidyut Bhavan, Salt Lake, is nominated by the Board in the Executive Council as the person having expertise in banking transactions.

d) Sri Biswanath Chakrabarti, WBA & A S, Accounts Officer of the West Bengal Labour Welfare Board is nominated by the Board in the Executive Council as the person having expertise in audit and accounts.

e) Labour Directorate Officer(s) in superior charge of the implementation of

(i) State Assisted Scheme of Provident Fund for Unorganised Workers (SASPFUW) vide Labour Department Resolution Nos 180-I.R. dated 24.01.2001 read with 305-I.R dated 19.02.2001,

(ii) West Bengal Beedi Workers Scheme vide 658- L.W./2B-02-02/07 dated Kolkata 23rd August 2007,

And for

(iii) such other schemes as may be coming under the purview of the Board,

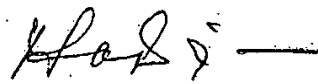
will be Permanent Invitee(s) to the Executive Council.

3. It is also decided that an account of the Board shall be opened at the State Bank of India, Kankurgachi branch to be jointly operated by Sri A K Bhattacharya, CEO and Sri Biswanath Chakrabarti, WBA & A S, the Board Nominee (Audit and Accounts) and that the said account shall be transferred to the nearest SBI branch as and when office of the Board is shifted to New Secretariat Building.
4. The account shall be opened under the name of 'West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Fund'.
5. Once the account is opened a sum of Rs.1.00 Crore out of the total sum of Rs.1.39 crore released by the Government in 2007 lying in the account of the W B Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board shall be transferred to the newly opened account of the WBUSWW Board at the earliest, for administrative and allied expenses related to setting up of the Board.
6. The rest of the amount shall be transferred after deducting expenses already incurred by the W B Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board for holding seminars/workshops and such other miscellaneous expenses already incurred.
7. The administration of SASPFUW and the West Bengal Beedi Workers' Scheme on housing, electrification, and infrastructure development shall henceforth be

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- administered by the WBUWW Board, subject to observance of normal rules and procedure of such transfer of schemes from the government to the Board.
8. The Executive Council shall formulate a scheme for regularising the engagement of Self-employed Labour Organiser already inducted by the Regional Labour Offices under the Labour Directorate and place the scheme to the Board for necessary Departmental acceptance.
 9. Labour Department shall issue necessary orders requiring Sri A K Bhattacharya, Welfare Commissioner and Sri Biswanath Chakrabarti, WBA & A S, Accounts Officer, West Bengal Labour Welfare Board to perform their duties under the WBUWW Board in addition to their normal duties.
 10. Labour Department shall take up the issue of transferring funds on account of SASPFUW, which include beneficiaries' contribution, matching contribution from the government and accumulated interest to the fund of the Board.
 11. The deposits collected from the SLOs would also be transferred to the Fund of the Board.
 12. It is also decided that in supercession of previous orders SLOs would be engaged under order of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Executive Council under the Board or officers authorised by him.
 13. The Executive Council shall meet and fine tune the decisions of the Board towards its execution and suggest actions to be taken / initiated.
 14. Sri I Sengupta, Joint Secretary, Labour Department shall function as Secretary of the Board as per Section 4(4) of the Act, in addition to his normal duties, on issuance of necessary order from the government.
 15. Trade Unions' representatives expressed their satisfaction on the constitution of the Board to implement schemes relating to Social Security for Unorganised Workers.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Mrinal Banerjee)

Chairman