Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup>meeting of the West Bengal Unorganized Sector Workers Welfare Board held in the chamber of Sri Purnendu Basu, Chairman of the Board and Hon'ble MIC, Labour on 01.10.2013 at 11.30 a.m. at Writers Buildings, Kolkata-1.

The following members were present in the meeting:

- 1. Sri Purnendu Basu, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, W.B. Chairman
- 2. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Secretary, Labour Department, W.B. -Vice Chairman
- 3. Sri Jawaid Akhtar, Labour Commissioner, W.B.- Executive Vice- Chairman
- 4. Sri P Roy, Joint Secretary, P&RD Department, W.B. Member
- 5. Sri Subhas Ghosh, INTTUC-Member
- 6. Sri Probir Kumar Banerjee, TUCC- Member
- 7. Sri Biswanath Saha, Secretary, AITUC West Bengal Committee Member
- 8. Sri Hiranmay Ganguly, Secretary, , Federation of Small and Medium Industries Member Officials of the Board:
- 1. Sri Aziz Rasul, Additional Labour Commissioner, WB & Secretary, WBUSWWB
- 2. Shri Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, Deputy Labour Commissioner, W.B.
- 3. Smt. Manisha Bhattcharyya, Deputy Labour Commissioner, W.B.
- 4. Shri Debojyoti Bose, Assistant Labour Commissioner, W.B.

Hon'ble MIC Labour Department & Chairman of the Board presided over the meeting. Sri Amal Roy Chowdhury, Secretary, Labour Department, welcomed all the members present. With the permission of the Chairman, Shri Aziz Rasul, Secretary of the Board initiated the discussion as per agenda

At the outset of the meeting Sri Biswanath Das representing AITUC said that though he was present in the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of this Board held on 03.04.2013 his name was not mentioned in the list of participants of the proceedings. The Secretary of the Board said that it was done inadvertently and assured him that the proceedings would be corrected accordingly.

The Secretary of the Board then placed before the Board members an Action Taken Report on the earlier decisions. The engagement of the Audit Firm as may be appointed by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board was discussed in the meeting.

The Secretary of the Board then apprised the Board members that WBEIDCL was ordered for provisioning of WBSWAN connectivity in 208 LWFCs but WBEIDCL has recently expressed their inability to provide WBSWAN connecitivity in 62 LWFCs. Members were also informed that WEBEL has supplied 3,26,686 Samajik Mukti Cards (SMC) as on 30.09.2013.

A detailed discussion was held on the Start of Warranty / Support & maintenance of the application software by the implementing agency and also on the approval of rate @ Rs. 6/-for initial registration of beneficiary under SASPFUW including digitization of information of backlog & current application Form and uploading of digitized data & application Form etc. in the database through application software after ITC has completed uploading of backlog Form – I upto a particular cut-off date.

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Sri Probir Kumar Banerjee representing TUCC made a request to the Chairman that the members be informed about the programmes to be organised from time to time by the Board or by the Regional Labour Offices of the Board.

After a threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken:

- Confirmation of Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting held on 03.04.2013: The proceeding of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 03.04.2013 was confirmed.
- 2. Internal Audit of the Boards accounts in RLOs: The Board may consider the engagement of the Audit Firm as may be appointed by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board if the said firm agrees to undertake the job on the same terms & conditions. The firm will charge on number of beneficiaries who actually got the benefit as final payment / medical benefit / death benefit.
- 3. Status of WBSWAN connectivity in LWFCs: The 62 LWFCs where provisioning of WBSWAN connectivity is not at all feasible as per WBEIDCL will be provided with BSNL Broadband under BBG COMBO ULD 900 Plan. The CEO of the Board will take necessary steps in this matter.
- 4. Start of Warranty / Support & maintenance of the application software by the implementing agency: The Board have accepted the proposals as placed before the Board members The proposal are as follows:
  - a) The warranty / annual maintenance may start from 01.11.2013 provided the implementing agency completes all uploading work within 01.11.2013.
  - b) During the period of 1 year of warranty / annual maintenance the implementing agency has to carry on the uploading of data of Samajik Mukti Card as being done at present, implement any CR on being so requested or any other task as may be requested by the Board.
  - c) State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) under IT Department may be requested to do the test run of the software to check for any operational flaw in the software.
  - d) ITC infotech may also be informed to remove the flaws if any / modify the software if so proposed by SeMT and also have to modify the software if so proposed by the audit team who have done the technical audit without any cost.

The CEO of the Board has been authorised to inform the above decisions to all concerned

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5. Approval of rate @ Rs. 6 /- for initial registration of beneficiary under SASPFUW including digitization of information of application Form and uploading of digitized data & application Form along with its enclosures: The Board has approved the proposal as placed before the Board members and the rate of commission for initial registration of beneficiary under SASPFUW including digitization of information of backlog & current application (Form - I ) and uploading of digitzed data & application form along with its enclosures has been enhanced from Rs. 5 /- to Rs. 6 /- per beneficiary for the total work.

## The rate of Rs.6/- is to be segregated as follows:

- 1) Rs. 3 /- is payable for
- a) Collection of application form from a beneficiary including helping the beneficiary to fill in the application form
- b) Scrutiny of application forms
- c) Preparation of Identity Card Cum Pass Book
- d) Deliivery of Identity Card Cum Pass Book to a beneficiary
  - 2) Another Rs. 3/- is payable for
- a) Digitization of information of application Form
- b) Uploading of digitized data & application Form alongwith its enclosures in the database through application software
  - 3) For the purpose of digitization of information of application Form and uploading of digitized data & application Form along with its enclosures in the database through application software the following persons may be engaged as Data Entry Agents (DEA):
- i) The persons working as "Retired Persons" under the SASPFUW scheme
- ii) SLOs / Collecting Agents may also work as DEA
- iii) If no such arrangement as in (i) & (ii) above can be made, outside agencies may be engaged locally after observing necessary formalities
- iv) The services of Clerks with Knowledge of Computer Operation (CKCOs) may also be utilized beyond office hours for data entry and uploading of Form I at the same rate

In consultation with the Assistant Labour Commissioners posted under his / her jurisdiction the Deputy Labour Commissioners will decide which options they would have to avail.

The CEO of the Board has been authorised to inform the above decisions to all concerned

- 6. Miscellaneous:
- a) Budget for the financial year 2013-14: The Board has approved the budgetary provision of Rs.114 crore as Grant-in aid for the financial year 2013-14 as shown at Annexure-A
- b) It has been decided that the members of the Board will be informed about the the programmes as may be organised from time to time by the Board

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

(Purnendu Basu)

Minister- In- Charge, Labour Department & Chairman of the Board