

Proceedings of the 8th meeting of the West Bengal State Social Security Board held on 14.12.2021 at 3.00 P. M. in the Conference Hall of the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, New Secretariate Buildings, 8th Floor, 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 700001

Members present in the meeting:

1. Shri Becharam Manna, Hon'ble MOS (I.C), Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, Chairperson;
2. Shri Barun Kumar Roy, IAS, Principal Secretary, Labour Department and Member Secretary;
3. Shri Jawaid Akhtar, IAS, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal and Member;
4. Shri Amitabha Datta, Joint Secy, Health & Family Welfare Dept, Government of West Bengal
5. Shri Ujjawal Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Federation of Small and Medium Industries
6. Shri Ritabrata Bannerjee, President, INTTUC, West Bengal
7. Ashadullah Gayen, Representative, CITU
8. Shri Shibnath Sarkar, President, Purba Medinipur District Nirman Karmachari Union
9. Sk. Samad, Representative of INTUC
10. Shri Sanjay Rai, Representative of BMS
11. Shri Alok Chatterjee, Org. Secretary, Truck Owners' Association

Other officials present:

1. Shri Tirthankar Sengupta, CEO, WBTWSSS and Additional Labour Commissioner
2. Shri Kalyan Ganguly, CF & CAO and Chief Accounts Officer, WBTWSSS
3. Shri Shyamal Dutta, Joint Labour Commissioner (P)
4. Smt. Debasree Roy, Joint Labour Commissioner(P)
5. Smt. Bidisha Bhattacharya, Joint Labour Commissioner(P), Kolkata
6. Shri Debjyoti Bose, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), SSY Cell, Kolkata
7. Shri Syamaprasad Kundu, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), SSY Cell, Kolkata

Hon'ble Chairperson of the Board and Minister of State (I. C.), Labour Department, Govt of West Bengal took the chair and welcomed the members of the Board and the officials. Then he requested the Member-Secretary of the Board to initiate the agenda wise discussion.

An agenda wise discussion followed thereafter:-

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20.11.2022

Agenda No 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 7th meeting of the Board

The minutes of the 7th meeting of the West Bengal State Social Security Board held on 04.02.2021 in the Conference Hall of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board, New Secretariate Buildings, 8th Floor which was sent to the members via e-mail, was placed before the Board.

After discussion the minutes was approved.

Agenda No 2: Action Taken Report

As per proceedings of the 7th meeting, the following actions were required to be taken -1) making of new Rules & Regulation of BM-SSY; 2) Introduction of new web portal for BM-SSY; 3) Introduction of pension module into the designated portal; 4) Uploading of all the previous proceedings of the Board meetings in to the portal wblc.gov.in, The progress of work on the above matters was placed before the house. The matter was discussed and noted.

Agenda No. 3 – Approval of status report under BMSSY

Status report of BMSSY containing the number of enrolment and benefit distribution details of Transport Workers was placed for the information of the members of the Board.

Agenda No. 4–Introducing procedures to facilitate faster implementation and roll out of the Scheme.

Official works under the Government of West Bengal has entered into electronic mode. Digital changes are being introduced into the works of Board in phased manner to reduce physical contact points as far as practicable. Board members were apprised of various **modules** those are already introduced in BM-SSY portal for beneficiary friendly digital work structure to facilitate faster implementation of the Scheme. Such modules are as follows:

1. Online Registration of CA / SLO / DEO.
2. Process of commission claims for New Registration as well as CAF Updation.
3. Process of commission claims for entering Government Grant in BMSSY portal as well as physical passbook.
4. Change Request module.

The features of the modules were discussed and approved by the Board.

Agenda No. 5 - Post facto approval of various important official decisions taken by concerned appropriate authority

- a) The implementing authority of BMSSY has taken a number of official decisions by way of passing orders from time to time, for better implementation of the scheme. Such orders were placed for post facto approval of the Board in **Annexure-A**.

After discussion, the orders were approved post-facto.



- b) Due to lockdown for pandemic situation, many beneficiaries under WBTWSSS could not renew their membership under the scheme in time. Orders from the concerned authority were passed allowing extension of dates of renewal of such beneficiaries, so that they are not deprived from old age pension/ family pension.

Such orders are Memo Nos. 12-C, dt. 05.05.2021 and 68-C, dt. 27.10.2021, were placed for post facto approval of the Board.

After discussion, the orders were approved post-facto.

Agenda No. 6 - Introduction of revised Standard Operating Procedure of processing Pension claims under WBTWSSS

Pension claims are soon going to be processed through a designated software programme for quick disposal of the same. In view of this, a new Standard Operating Procedure for submission of claims for 'new pension' and 'family pension' has been introduced by the Board vide **Memo No. 1068/80/WBTWSSS/Cord/Estt./21 dated 05.04.2021** which will reduce multiple contact points and accumulation of same documents both in the RLOs and in the O/o CEO, WBTWSSS.

The matter was discussed and approved by the Board.

Agenda No. 7 - Post facto approval of new pension cases under WBTWSSS

438 numbers of new pension cases along with 8 numbers of family pension cases were approved by the concerned officials and Rs. 1.63 Crs. was paid to the concerned beneficiaries for this purpose.

The matter was discussed and approved by the Board.

Agenda No. 8 - Post facto approval of expenditure and Budget for the F.Y. 2020-2021 and approval of Budget for the F.Y. 2021-2022

The Budget and the Statement of Expenditure of the Board for the Financial Year 2020-2021 were placed for the post facto approval of the members of the Board.

After discussion the matter was approved post-facto.

The Budget for the Financial Year 2021-2022 was placed before the members of the Board for approval.

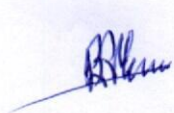
After discussion the matter was approved.

Agenda No. 9: Miscellaneous

1. Aim to increase enrolment under the Scheme:

It was pointed out by the Member-secretary of the Board that 3% of the total national workforce of the country comprises of transport workers, so there is ample scope of increasing the number of enrolment under the WBTWSSS. Keeping in view of that aim leaflets/booklets/pamphlets may be printed from the end of the Board for the purpose of creating wide spread awareness regarding this scheme.

The matter was accepted by the Board.



2. Renewal of engagement of contract of Accountant and Auditor for F.Y. 2020-21:

One Chartered Accountant Firms was engaged for doing audit for the F.Y. 2019-20. It was proposed that their engagement contract may be renewed for another year i.e. for F.Y. 2020-21 after finalising the official procedures.

After discussion the proposal was accepted by the members of the Board.

3. Extension of Renewal period from 1 year to 3 years:

A considerable number of beneficiaries under WBTWSSS are engaged in jobs for which they are compelled to stay out of the State or out of their permanent addresses for more than one year. As per the existing Scheme a beneficiary is required to renew his/ her enrolment once in a year otherwise his membership is discontinued and there is no provision of revival of the same.

In view of this it was proposed that the Assistant Labour Commissioner may be allowed to renew the membership upto three years, of those beneficiaries failed to renew his/ her membership within one year, after obtaining permission for the revival of such enrolments from the respective Deputy Labour Commissioners.

The matter was discussed and was accepted by the members of the Board.

4. Changing of Registering Authority under the Scheme from Assistant Labour Commissioner to Inspectos of Minimum Wages

According to clause 7(1) of the West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme, 2010 the Assistant Labour Commissioner is the Registering Authority of enrolment for his/her respective jurisdiction. In the welfare scheme under BOCW Act, for the greater interest of the beneficiaries, the IMWs have been bestowed with the power of Registering Authority. Similarly the IMWs may be allowed to act as Registering Authority under WBTWSSS, 2010, as it would enable easy access to the beneficiaries.

After discussion, the proposal was approved by the members of the Board.

5. E-district issues:

Registration and Renewal of the beneficiaries under WBTWSSS are presently done through e-District Portal throughout the state, except in Kolkata District. The same beneficiary has to enrol him/herself again in the BM-SSY portal to get the benefits under BM-SSY. No synchronisation exists between these two portals and TW beneficiaries have to go through the same process twice.

In order to make the BM-SSY scheme dynamic, various official decisions are taken by the implementing authority, which are regularly reflected in the BM-SSY portal, but no such changes can be reflected in the e-District Portal, since the same is not under the control of the Labour Department, W.B. Hence the registration and renewal process of the TW beneficiary are being hampered and beneficiaries may be deprived of getting the Pension Benefit.

It was proposed that all the data may be fetched from e-District portal and be incorporated in BM-SSY portal for better implementation of the scheme and **registration & renewal process may be discontinued from e-district portal and may be introduced through BMSSY portal.**

After discussion, the proposal was unanimously approved by the members of the Board.

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


20.11.2022

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