

**Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of West Bengal State Social Security Board held on 04.05.2023 at 03:30 P.M. at the Conference Hall of the Labour Department, New Secretariat Buildings, 12th floor, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700001**

List of members who attended the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure – I**.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal and Chairperson of the West Bengal State Social Security Board (WBSSS Board). Shri Santiram Mahato, the new Vice-Chairperson of West Bengal State Social Security Board was extended a warm and hearty welcome. Apart from this all other Hon'ble members and officials present in the meeting were also welcomed.

The Annual Report Book of West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme for the period of 2019-20 & 2020-21 was released and distributed among all the Hon'ble Board Members present in the meeting.

Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC requested Sri Tirthankar Sengupta, CEO, West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme and Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal to initiate agenda wise discussions.

**Agenda No 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 8th Board meeting held on 14.12.2021:**

Placed and approved unanimously.

**Agenda No 2: Action Taken Report on the Proceedings of the 8th meeting:**

As per proceedings of the 8th meeting, Action Taken Report was placed before the members of the Board for their kind perusal.

**Agenda No. 3: Approval of status report under BM-SSY upto 30.04.2023:**

Status report of BM-SSY containing the number of enrolment, benefit distribution of Transport Workers and CESS collection details under WBTWSSS are placed before the Hon'ble members and approved unanimously.

**Agenda No. 4: Post facto approval of new modules which have already been introduced in BMSSY Portal to facilitate faster implementation of the scheme:**

For delivering better citizen centric services through online mode and to facilitate faster implementation of the scheme, the following new Modules in the BMSSY portal had been introduced which were approved post facto by the Hon'ble Members:-

- i) Death Benefit Module
- ii) Disability Benefit Module
- iii) PF Benefit Module
- iv) Offline Claim Entry Module
- v) Data Sanitization Module

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

- a) A comprehensive list of all important official orders and copies thereof were placed before the Hon'ble Members which were already issued on administrative necessity. These were discussed and approved.
- b) The engagement contracts of the Chartered Accountant Firm (M/s. N.C. Banerjee & Co.) had been renewed for the F.Y. 2021-22 and 2022-23 for keeping proper Accounts and other accounts related matters under WBTWSSS. This engagement contract order was placed before the board for post facto approval.
- c) A new Chartered Accountant Firm (M/s. Shibashish & Associates) had been engaged for audit of accounts of WBTWSSS for the F.Y. 2022-23 to 2024-25. This engagement contract order was placed before the board for post facto approval.
- d) A Chartered Accountant Firm (N. C. Banerjee & Co.) had been engaged for calculation of interest related to Deposit Account under the West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme, 2010, maintained at Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II from the date of inception (January, 2019) upto March, 2022. This engagement contract order was placed before the board for post facto approval.

After discussion, the above mentioned orders were approved post facto by the Hon'ble members of the Board unanimously.

- e) A revised S.O.P. for New / Family Pension had been issued and circulated to all RLOs vide this office memo no. 47(70)/86/WBTWSSS/Estt./2023 dated 20/04/2023. The revised S.O.P. is placed for post facto approval of the Board. After discussion, the revised S.O.P. for New / Family Pension was approved by the Hon'ble members of the Board unanimously.

**Agenda No. 6:- Post facto approval of new pension cases under WBTWSSS:**

1614 numbers of new pension cases along with 39 numbers of family pension cases were approved by the concerned officials in the Financial Year 2022-23 & 2023-2024 (upto 30th April, 2023). This was placed for post facto approval of the Board. The matter was discussed and approved by the Board unanimously.



**Agenda No. 7: Post facto approval of Statement of Expenditure & Audited Financial Statement for the F.Y. 2021-2022 and approval of Budget for the F.Y. 2023-2024:**

The Statement of Expenditure & Audited Financial Statement of the Board for the Financial Year 2021-2022 (**Annexure-B**) was placed for the post facto approval of the Hon'ble members of the Board.

The Budget for the Financial Year 2023-2024 (**Annexure-C**) was placed before the Hon'ble members of the Board for approval.

Both the matters mentioned above were discussed and approved by the house.

**Miscellaneous Agenda:**

**1. Renewal of service of Contractual employees in the office of the CEO:**

The renewal of service of the contractual employees engaged at the Office of the CEO, under WBTWSSS, upto 31.10.2023 was placed before the Hon'ble members of the Board.

The matter was discussed and approved by the Board unanimously.

**2. Enhancement of remuneration of Ranjit Ghosh:**

Sri Ranjit Ghosh, a contractual Gr. D employee under West Bengal Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme, had submitted a prayer dated 23.08.21 for enhancement of his remuneration, which was placed before the Board members. The matter dealt with in the e-Office bearing file no WBTWSS-11013/1/2022-SECTION (WBTWSSS)-WBTWSSS in which the actual calculation was somehow overlooked was also recalled.

After a detail discussion the enhancement of remuneration of Sri Ranjit Ghosh was approved by the Board and it was decided to fix the remuneration of Sri Ghosh as per existing Government norms along with the arrear payment, if any.

**3. Travelling Allowance for non-official members for attending Board meeting:**

It was decided in the meeting that the non-official members of the Board shall be paid travelling allowance for attending the meetings of the Board @ Rs. 1000/- and the same would be paid to them with effect from the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting itself. The CEO, WBTWSSS requested all the non-official members to submit their bank details in e-Mandate form for this purpose.

**4. Construction of Wayside Amenities for Motor Transport workers:**

As proposed by HMIC & Chairperson of the Board, the matter was discussed in the meeting and it was decided that a comprehensive proposal in this regard would be initiated.

**5. Waiving of maximum ceiling of Rs. 1200/- in the rate of Cess under West Bengal Motor Transport Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 2010:**

As per the Notification of the Labour Department, Memo No. 1048-IR dated 01.10.2010, the rate at which CESS shall be collected under West Bengal Motor Transport Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 2010 is 10 % of the Annual Tax payable under West Bengal Motor Vehicle Tax Act, 1979 and the West Bengal Additional Tax and one-time Tax on Motor Vehicle Act, 1989 subject to a maximum of Rs. 1200/- per annum. At present the number of enrollment and subsequent amount of claim applications have been increased manifold along with cost of various official expenditures. In view of this it was resolved that a proposal for withdrawal of the ceiling of Rs. 1200/- would be prepared and sent to the Department.

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



(Moloy Ghatak)

Chairperson, West Bengal State Social Security Board

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Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department

Government of West Bengal

## **Annexure – I**

### **Attendance Sheet of 9th Meeting of the West Bengal State Social Security Board**

**Date and Time:** 04.05.2023 at 03.30 P.M.

**Venue:** Conference Hall of the Labour Department, New Secretariat Buildings, 12th Floor, 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700001.

#### **Members present:**

1. Shri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal & Chairperson of the Board
2. Shri Shantiram Mahato, Hon'ble Ex-MLA & Vice Chairperson of the Board
3. Shri Ashadullah Gayen, Representative, Centre of Indian Trade Unions (C.I.T.U.)
4. Shri S. K. Samad, Representative of Indian National Trade Union Congress (I.N.T.U.C.)
5. Shri Dilip Bhattacharya, Representative, AIUTUC
6. Shri Ujjal Mukherjee, Representative, Federation of Small and Medium Industries
7. Shri Sanat Chakraborty, Representative, Sara Bangla Trinamool Tant Shramik Union
8. Shri Alope Chatterjee, Representative, Truck Owners' Association of Bengal
9. Shri Amitava Datta, Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal
10. Shri Mona Chandra Singh Sawaiyan, Deputy Secretary, Micro & Small Industries Department, Government of West Bengal

#### **Other officials present:**

1. Shri Tirthankar Sengupta, CEO, WBTWSSS and Additional Labour Commissioner
2. Shri Kalyan Ganguly, CAO, WBTWSSS and CF&CAO, Labour Commissionerate
3. Shri Sandip Nandi, Additional Labour Commissioner (P)
4. Shri Debojyoti Bose, Joint Labour Commissioner (P)
5. Shri Shyama Prasad Kundu, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P)
6. Shri Subrata Dasgupta, Deputy Labour Commissioner (P)