

Proceedings of the 28th meeting of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board held on 12.11.2024 at 3.30 PM at the Conference Hall of the Labour Department, N.S. Buildings (12th Floor), 1, K. S. Roy, Kolkata – 700 001

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

As advised by Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Labour Department, Jawaid Akhtar, Labour Commissioner, West Bengal welcomed all the Hon'ble members of the Board and initiated the discussion. Thereafter, on request of the Labour Commissioner, Shri Tirthankar Sengupta, Chief Executive Officer of the Board started agenda wise discussions.

Agenda No. a – Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 27th Board meeting held on 04.05.2023

The Proceedings of the 27th Board meeting held on 04.05.2023 was placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Board and were approved unanimously.

Agenda No. b – Post facto approval of the expenditure incurred by the Board during 01.04.2023 to 31.10.2024

The Statement of accounts for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.10.2024 was placed before the Hon'ble Members and discussed. It was approved by the Hon'ble Members.

Agenda No. c - Approval of the Status Report under BM-SSY during 01.04.2023 to 31.10.2024

The Status Report under BM-SSY for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.10.2024 was placed before the Hon'ble Members for perusal and discussion. After discussion, the report was accepted.

Agenda No. d – Post facto approval of new modules which have already been introduced in BMSSY Portal

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) PF Transaction Entry Module
- ii) Module for Registration under the WBTWSSS

Agenda No. e – Post facto approval of various important official decisions taken by concerned Appropriate Authority

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 post facto.

Agenda No. f – Post facto approval of Budget for F.Y. 2024 – 25

The Budget of the Board for F.Y. 2024-25 was placed before the Hon'ble Members and it was approved post facto by the house.

Agenda No. g – Introduction of Head of Accounts bearing No."8448-00-120-115-07/23"

The Hon'ble Members of the Board were apprised of matter of the U.O. No.: Group T/2023-2024/1673 dtd.23.03.2024 of the Finance Department, Government of West Bengal regarding introduction of HoA No. "8448-00-120-115-07/23" at Headquarter level as well as at RLO level i.c.w. Administrative Expenditure and expenditure towards benefit other than Provident Fund. The matter was discussed elaborately by the Hon'ble Members and approved unanimously.

Agenda No. h – Calculation of interest to the Provident Fund under SASPFUW / SSY / BMSSY

Budget Branch (Group – N) of the Finance Department, Government of West Bengal has directed the administrative Department vide U.O. No.: 5179 dtd. 22.02.2024 to communicate to the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), WB, for calculation of interest of Provident Fund deposited into the Public Accounts under SASPFUW and SSY scheme up to 31.03.2020 and under BMSSY scheme from 01.04.2020 onwards.

The matter was discussed. Hon'ble Members were informed that the said calculation of interest can be done once the guideline of BMSSY is issued by the Labour Department. The draft guideline may be sent to the Labour Department for approval after the proposed modification of BMSSY is approved by Cabinet.

Agenda No. i – Miscellaneous

With the assent of the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Board, the following matters were also discussed.

1. Long Pending Claim of pre SSY era:

Smt. Manowara Mistry, nominee of Akul Mistry a registered beneficiary under SASPFUW, has submitted her prayer dated 30.01.2024 and 08.07.2024 before the Labour Commissioner, W.B. for disbursement of death benefit against her deceased husband who died on 28.06.2013. It was reported by the RLO, Krishnanagar that the claim application for Death Benefit could not be processed

then due to misplacement of original application. Later on the claimant has again submitted a duplicate copy of the claim along with supporting documents.

Now, it is pertinent to mention here that before the introduction of SSY w.e.f. 01.04.2017 the death benefit of other unorganised workers registered under SASPFUW was governed by West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme (WBUSWHSS). The said scheme was repealed vide Notification No. Labr/254/LC/LW dated 03.04.2017.

Therefore, the said claim cannot be processed under BMSSY as the date of death of Late Akul Mistry is 28.06.2013 (before commencement of BMSSY).

The said claim may be disposed of in offline mode.

2. Proposal for Payment of PF Benefit to the Construction and Transport Workers registered under the erstwhile SASPFUW:

After introduction of Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha Yojana (BM-SSY) w.e.f. 01.04.2020 the State Government decided to pay the Government Grant for PF @ Rs. 55/- per month (including beneficiary contribution of Rs. 25/-) to every unorganized worker. In case of Construction and Transport Workers the Government Grant was decided to be paid from the Cess Fund of West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Fund and West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme respectively.

Before introduction of BM-SSY, construction and transport workers who were enrolled under erstwhile SASPFUW, deposited their beneficiary contribution in PD Account maintained at Treasury by the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board (WBUSWWB). The corresponding matching contribution and interest for Provident Fund were also deposited in the said PD account.

Since the accumulated amount of PF up to 31.03.2020 is presently lying with the PD Account of WBUSWWB, the entire final payment under PF (including the part beyond 31.03.2020) may be initially disbursed to such construction and transport workers from the said PD Account for the sake of convenience. Subsequently, the Government Grant @ Rs.55/- along with the interest accrued against such Government Grant from 01.04.2020 to the date of Final Payment/ Pre-mature Withdrawal will be reimbursed periodically to the WBUSWW Board by the WBB&OCWW Board or WBSSS Board from their respective cess fund.

3. Annual Accounts along with Internal Audit Report for F.Y. 2022-23 of the Board:

Annual Accounts along with Internal Audit Report for the F.Y.2022-23 of the Board may be sent to the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit-I), West Bengal for auditing.

4. Enhancement of Travelling Allowance for non-official members for attending Board meeting:

The non-official members and non-official invitees were provided Rs. 1000/- only as Travelling Allowance w.e.f. 27th meeting held on 04.05.2023 as per resolution adopted in that meeting. It was proposed that the said travelling allowance may be enhanced from Rs. 1000 /- to Rs. 1500 /-.

A file with this proposal of enhancement of travelling allowance may be initiated by the Board and sent to the Labour Department for approval.

All the above four matters were discussed and the proposals were approved by the Hon'ble Members of the Board.

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



(Sri Moloy Ghatak)
Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge
Labour Department
Government of West Bengal
&
Chairperson
WBUSWW Board

List of Hon'ble Members and Officials of West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Welfare Board who were present in the 28th meeting of the Board held on 12.11.2024 at 3.30 PM at the Conference Hall of the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal

1. Sri Moloy Ghatak, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department, Government of West Bengal --- Chairperson
2. Sri Jawaid Akhtar, OSD & EO Labour Commissioner, W.B. --- Member Secretary
3. Sri Augustine Lepcha, Addl. Director, ESI (MB) Scheme, Government of West Bengal --- Member
4. Md Qamaruzzaman Qamar, President, INTUC, W. B. State Branch --- Member
5. Sri Sumahan Chakraborty, CITU --- Member
6. Sri Rabindranath Chakraborty, President, TUCC, W. B. State Committee --- Member
7. Sri Dilip Bhattacharya, All India Secretariat Member, AIUTUC --- Member
8. Sri Ujjwal Mukherjee, Jt. Secretary, FOSMI --- Member
9. Sri Tirthankar Sengupta, OSD & EO Special Labour Commissioner, W.B. and Chief Executive Officer, WBUSWW Board
10. Sri P. K. Mandal, CF & CAO, Labour Commissionerate & CCF, WBUSWWB.
11. Sri Debojyoti Bose, Jt. L. C. (P), Labour Commissionerate.
12. Sri Shyamaprasad Kundu, D. L. C. (P), Labour Commissionerate.