

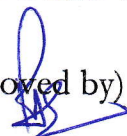
MINUTES OF THE 287TH MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEST BENGAL STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION HELD ON 07/08/2024 AT 12. 30 P.M. AT THE MEETING HALL OF KHADYASHREE BHAVAN (7TH FLOOR), KOLKATA - 700087.

MEMEBERS PRESENT

1.	PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI, I.A.S.	CHAIRMAN
2.	SRI SURANJAN DAWN, WBA&AS, Financial Adviser, Food & Supplies Department, Govt. of West Bengal.	DIRECTOR
3.	The Director, Directorate of DDP&S, Food & Supplies Department, Govt. of West Bengal.	DIRECTOR
4.	SMT. SIMA HALDER, WBCS (EXE), Joint Secretary, Food & Supplies Department, Govt. of West Bengal.	DIRECTOR
5.	The Director of Finance, Food & Supplies Department, Govt. of West Bengal	DIRECTOR
6.	SRI NARENDRA KUMAR, General Manager(G),Regional Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation, R.O.-Kolkata	DIRECTOR
7.	SRI SIDDHARTHA SANKAR DASH, Deputy General Manager (ABU & GSS), State Bank of India,	DIRECTOR
8.	SRI SRISTIDHAR SANTRA, IAS (RETD.), Managing Director(Officiating) and OSD & E.O.Secretary, WBSWC	MANAGING DIRECTOR
9.	SRI BIBHAS CHANDRA ADHIKARI, Non-Official Director	Non-Official Director
LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED		
1.	Dr. H.B. Das, General Manager(IA), Central Warehousing Corporation,	DIRECTOR
2.	SH. SANGEET, Director (Sugar & V.Oils), Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Department of Food & Public Distribution,	DIRECTOR

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI, I.A.S., Hon'ble Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation took the Chair and welcomed all the members of the Board and granted the leave of absence for aforesaid 02(two) members.


SRI SRISTIDHAR SANTRA, IAS (RETD.),
Managing Director, WBSWC

(Approved by)

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI, I.A.S.,
Chairman, WBSWC

At the outset the Managing Director welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman, Parwez Ahmad Siddiqui, IAS and all the members participated in the meeting. He also conveyed heartiest thanks to the all members for participation.

Agenda Item No.1:-

To confirm the proceedings of the 286th meeting of the BoD held on 13/03/2024.

The proceedings of the 286th meeting of the Board of Directors which had been circulated to the members were read and confirmed. There was no separate issues/ observation from any of the Hon'ble members present.

Agenda Item No.2:-

To consider the action taken report on the resolution adopted in the 286th meeting of the BoD held on 13/03/2024.

The Action taken Report on resolution of earlier meeting was shared with all the members

1. Outstanding storage charges from the Customs Authority.

Regarding disposal of time expiring goods u/s 49 & 59, the Managing Director, WBSWC apprised the latest status of auction of 68 consignments of old & synthetic rags, 12 non-rags items and destruction of 04(four) consignment of chemical items through the Govt. authorized agency. The Managing Director also apprised that WBSWC has requested Customs to make auction sale of entire 57 lots of rags in a single lot lying at Hide Road Warehouse as the said goods cannot be segregated consignment wise. The Chairman along with other members expressed satisfaction over the matter and advised to adopt more professional and realistic approach in this regard to dispose off the same with other regular works also. A separate review meeting was also proposed by the Hon'ble Chairman regarding progress of auction process of Customs goods.

2. Construction of new godowns at Cossipore & Alipurduar.

The M.D. updated the latest position before the Board in respect of both projects. In this connection the Hon'ble Chairman advised the Engineering Wing to be more professional and time bound in nature. All calculations/ estimates etc. should be more accurate , more specific to get approval from appropriate authorities. The WBSWC may arrange necessary training etc. in this regard to make the officials well equipped with Finance & PWD norms.

3. Payment of interest to Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port Trust Haldia Dock Complex.

The Managing Director, WBSWC presented the present status of the matter before the Board including steps taken by WBSWC for final settlement of the issue.



4. *To consider and approve recruitment of 14 Superintendent and 34 Junior Assistants in regular category .*

The Managing Director, WBSWC elucidate the matter in detail as a separate agenda of the instant meeting (agenda no. 3).

5. *To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the Corporation for FY 2021-22.*

Status of accounts preparation was stated before the board. In this connection it was also mentioned that the supplementary audit report of 2019-20 is also ready. Hence AGM for 2019-20 may be arranged shortly at a convenient date and time along with another BoD Meeting.

6. *To consider the proposal of providing smart phone for senior officers of WBSWC*

The matter was updated before the board. More proactive steps on the part of WBSWC was advised by the Chairman to keep liaison with CWC. The R.M., CWC also stressed the necessity of CUG SIM (dedicated SIM) in this connection.

7. *To apprise the BoD regarding developments at Haldia Land.*

The matter of publication of 04 EOIs for selection of depositors and no fruitful response thereof was mentioned by the M.D., WBSWC. The Hon'ble Chairman opined about an all out effort for searching prospective and interested depositors for the place with utmost importance including individual approach to different business houses before inviting next EOI.

8. *To consider and approve the write off proposal of outstanding dues of different depositors.*

The Hon'ble Chairman reiterated to explore all possible ways to reach such depositors by means of letter, e-mails, messages, personal contact etc. and directed to prepare godown wise report and submit to the accounts section for further reconciliation with the accounts data. There after reconciled data will be placed before the audit committee along with comments of the Accounts Officer for write off / final adjustment. Finally the matter will be presented before the BOD for proper decision to deal with the outstanding dues and necessary action will be taken accordingly.

9. *To consider and approve the annual accounts of the Corporation for the F.Y. 2021-22.*

Resolution already adopted in this regard was reiterated.

10. *To consider and approve the Revised Budget Estimate of WBSWC for the F.Y. 2023-24 and the Budget Estimate for the Financial year 2024-25.*

Resolution noted and acted upon.



11. *To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts of WBSWC for the F.Y. 2019-20.*

The M.D., WBSWC apprised the latest status in this regard. It was reported that supplementary audit report of F.Y. 2019-20 is ready and AGM for the Year 2019-20 along with one Board Meeting may be arranged within September 2024.

Agenda Item No. 3

To consider and approve the proposal of engagement of regular manpower in the organization.

The matter was discussed in detail. The MD, apprised that the board in its 282nd meeting held on 19.07.2022 suggested that viewing acute shortage of regular employee in the Corporation WBSWC should analyze the situation in detail and proceed for direct recruitment of regular employee at Group-A and B level for better an efficient monitoring and functions of this Organisation. Accordingly a draft recruitment regulation has been prepared by WBSWC which has been duly vetted by the Law Department and approved by Food & Supplies Department. Necessary Gazette Notification in this regard has been published on 15.04.2024 and a detail proposal of recruitment of regular manpower has been forwarded to Food & Supplies Department.

After threadbare discussion in the matter Board accorded in principle approval in this regard and the Special Invitee Member from the CON Cell of Food & Supplies Department informed that the proposal is now lying with Finance Department for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No. 4

To consider the proposal of ratification of allowing different financial benefits as per G.O. , to the 12 nos. of Contractual Junior Assistants (upto the age of 60 years).

The matter was discussed in detail with all relevant Govt. orders and earlier approval of the BoD in this regard in 2016 (30/11/2016) and approved.

Agenda Item No. 5

To apprise the Board regarding engagement of different personnel (on third party' pay roll) with expansion/enhancement of storage capacity.

Most of the members including the Hon'ble Chairman was of the opinion that, there is no need to go to Finance Department, as it is operational requirement and there is no issue of creation of any post or engagement of any personnel directly by the Corporation. This is like an outsourcing of an activity to a contractor/agency to do a work of security, etc. by engaging a specific



numbers of manpower with certain guidelines of labour department, etc. However, while specifying the nos. the Corporation should always assess that the nos. required or optimum. Such proposal should be presented before the Board in regular manner. It was also resolved that WBSWC can engage such agency for engaging personnel for operational purpose in future according to the necessity with the approval of the Board.

Agenda Item No. 6

To consider and approve the process / methodology of storage tariff rationalization in WBSWC aiming at publication of new storage tariff schedule (to get effect from April 25).

The matter was discussed in detail. The Regional Manager, C.W.C shared their tradition of yearly publication of storage tariff schedule. The Hon'ble Chairman advised to explore the possibility of publishing the same in the line as followed by C.W.C. The Hon'ble Chairman also advised to utilize other platforms like website of WBSWC/ Food & Supplies Department, twitter handle, face book etc. along with e-commerce units also to obtain new & competitive business opportunities.

Agenda Item No.7

To engage a full time Law Assistant for the Corporation on contractual basis (remuneration, Selection process etc.)

The matter was discussed in detail. It was decided that a detailed proposal including procedure for such engagement, qualification, pay etc. is to be placed in the next BOD for taking final decision.

Agenda Item No.8

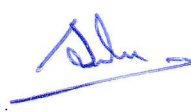
To apprise the Board regarding different ongoing projects (Construction, Infrastructural Development and IT related matters etc.)

Resolution noted.

Agenda Item No.9

To consider Monthly Performance Report of WBSWC for the period from January 24 to June 24.

The members have gone through the report minutely and expressed satisfaction over the matter. One member raised an issue of printing mistake in a page. The same will be rectified.



Agenda item No. Misc. 10/(1)

The M.D., WBSWC explained the P.F. matters of WBSWC and actual situation in this regard. Due to sharp decline in number of regular employee under P.F. coverage over last couple of years the situation have crept in. After threadbare discussion in the matter, Board approved that the Corporation would make good the loss of Rs. 11,34,300/- incurred by P.F. Trust for the F.Y. 2022-23.

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



Sristidhar Santra, I.A.S.(Retd)
Managing Director



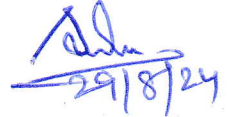
Parwez Ahmad Siddiqui, I.A.S.
Chairman

No. 1097 / (22)/Estab/A(I)-I/SWC/20-21;

Date. 29 / 08 /2024

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1. ✓ The P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Food & Supplies, Govt. of West Bengal & the Chairman WBSWC, with the request to place it before the Principal Secretary, Food & Supplies Department and the Chairman, WBSWC.
2. to 12. All Members of Board of Directors of WBSWC (.....)
13. The Secretary, Central Warehousing Corporation.
14. The Special Secretary (GE&EM), Department of Food & Supplies, Govt. of W.B.
15. The C.G.M. (Finance), WBSWC.
- 16 to 21. All Section Heads at H.O. WBSWC.
22. Guard File.

Handwritten signature in blue ink, with the date 29/8/24 written below it.

OSD & E.O. Secretary