



RESOLUTION

OF

THE 1st BOARD MEETING OF 2024-25

DATED, THE 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2024

**WEST BENGAL KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD
(A STATUTORY BOARD UNDER GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL)**

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Members present:

1. Shri Chandranath Sinha, Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, MSME & T Department.
2. Janab Tajmul Hossain, Hon'ble Minister of State, MSME & T Department.
3. Shri Kollol Khan, Hon'ble Chairman, WBKVIB.
4. Shri Ujjal Pramanik, Hon'ble member, WBKVIB.
5. Janab Muzaffar Khan, Hon'ble member, WBKVIB.
6. Shri Rajesh Pandey, Principal Secretary, MSME & T Department.
7. Shri Debasis Bandopadhaya, Special Secretary MSME & T Department.
8. Representative of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

Hon'ble MIC Shri Chandranath Sinha, MSME & T Department, and Hon'ble MOS Janab Tajmul Hossain took the chair and started the discussion. Hon'ble Chairman Shri Kallol Khan thanked Hon'ble MIC and Hon'ble MOS, Hon'ble Principal Secretary, Hon'ble Board Members, Hon'ble Special Secretary and other dignitaries and invite CEO to start the discussion.

AGENDA 1: Confirmation of the proceeding of the Board Meeting held on 17th February, 2024 (circulated vide this Board's Memo no. 297/ESTB (5)/ 2009-10/Part III Dated 07.02.2024.

In this Board Meeting, it is firmly declared that the term 'non-official member' appearing in the resolution of the 3rd Board Meeting dated 17th February, 2024 shall be noted as '**Board Member**' in WBKVIB.

The Board confirmed the Agenda unanimously.

AGENDA 2: A Status reports on various ongoing programs' of development schemes in Khadi & Village Industries Sector in the last few years.

C.E.O WBKVIB elaborately discussed about the ongoing schemes as follows.

CEO, WBKVIB thanked everyone on the success of the schemes. 31 nos. of schemes have been completed and running successfully. He also mentioned the backlogs of work i.e. the funds of Hingalgaon Honey Cluster Project and MoA Hub Project has been diverted to another fund. That is why the 50% of the project has been completed. So the required amount has been claimed to continue the project successfully. Similarly, the fund of MoA Hub at Jaynagar has been diverted. The another amount of fund has been sanctioned. Accordingly the works started and hard intervention part i.e. the construction of the building has been completed. Additional amount rounded to 48 Lacs required to complete the project. A field visit on Mekhla Project at Tufanganj-II, Coochbehar have been conducted and artisan training started and ongoing. After discussion with the Board, proposal regarding Kenjakura Weaving Cluster will be sent to deptt. along with diversion details for further necessary approval and release of fund. Rs. 50 Crs. as mentioned by the CEO, WBKVIB, which have been diverted to the different schemes and otherwise and the detail price break-up to be submitted in the next Board Meeting as there was no break-up with that amount. Hon'ble Board Member Shri Ujjal Pramanik wanted to know the sale proceed of Nalen Gur in the current FY as in the earlier year it was nearly 11 Lacs of loss and requested to place in the next Board Meeting. Principal Secretary of MSME&T Deptt.

has suggested for a new packaging i.e. 500 ml and 1kg. Hon'ble MIC also suggested making such a clay pot in which it will be easier to preserve Nalen Gur and can be sell throughout the year as it is the old tradition to preserve the Nalen Gur in the village areas in West Bengal.

The Board perused the matter and approved.

AGENDA 3: Some of the important scheme will be under taken for repairing works.

As per direction, Honorable Chairman of WBKVIB, evaluation of Manpower Tender in WBKVIB should be done by tender committee. So, Principal Secretary agreed and he said that he will send D.F.A of M.S.M.E(T) Department during evaluation of Manpower Tender in HQ of WBKVIB on 01/07/24.

Hon'ble Board Member Shri Ujjal Pramanik raised the issue of renovation & construction work of Dasghara H.M.P Centre. He was informed by C.E.O that Tender of Dashghara H.M.P already floated and Tender amount is Rs.1.69 Crore.

AGENDA 4: Amendment of recruitment rules.

In this phase of discussion, the CEO, WBKVIB informed the house of the alarming situation of the strength of permanent officials which was about 42 whereas the number of sanctioned posts was 577. He added more that there were some sanctioned posts which are not so appropriate and applicable in the present scenario of work-flow and on the contrary some posts were essential for prevailing nature of works like engineers for IT, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical wings, Addl. CEO, PA to CEO and H' Chairman of the Board, Record Keeper, Stenographer, Data Entry Operators, Khadi / Technical Supervisors and some others.

The house unanimously supported the view of the CEO. The Hon'ble MIC added more that after necessary alterations of posts in the Recruitment Rule of WBKVIB total number of posts should be lowered by a significant extent which might be within 400 numbers of posts to proceed for the matter to Finance Dept with a strong appeal. The Principal Secretary of Dept of MSMET agreed with this view.

AGENDA 5: Audit observance for the financial year 2021-22.

The Board approved the audit observation and requested to CEO, WBKVIB to take necessary action accordingly.

AGENDA 6: Work flow of Khadi section as on 20.06.2024.

The CEO, WBKVIB explained the progress of works at four (4) nos. of Muslin Tirthas with the Annual Working fund already allotted by the Dept., ongoing budget discussion of all the Khadi Institutions at the State Office of KVIC and the progress of settlement of pending claims of MMDA. He explained the method of verification of MMDA claims including the procedure of disbursement of MMDA, 2018-19 which has been allotted recently.

The Principal Secretary of the Dept. of MSMET emphasized on the matter of direct remittance of artisan's stake of MMDA to their respective bank accounts in DBT mode. On hearing from the CEO



about the present scenario of disbursing MMDA for the FY 2018-19, which were processed long ago, it was decided to keep the matter of DBT postponed for the time being. The Board perused the relevant report.

AGENDA 7: Final Audit reports of 2021-22, 2022-23.

The Board verified the audit report and discussed among the members and approved.

AGENDA 8: Special Audit of the Board's account.

CEO, WBKVIB mentioned that he is facing different types of problems regarding fund management, accounts keeping and Audit Reply. During the last 12 Years a huge amount of money received from the Department as well as the Govt. to fulfill and complete different types of schemes like Payment of MMDA etc. Unfortunately more than 120 cr. of money was spent and diverted to meet up the different types of activities which were not approved by the Dept or authority. The Account Section of WBKVIB is in dark to reply the actual status of fund which have been diverted to the different area or misused in the way of ill-practice. In view of the above, the present Board is facing the following problems.

1. More than 75 crs. Of money have been diverted from MMDA fund which was received by the Dept to payment of society and artisans as grant. It has been learnt from the record that this amount of money has not released from this end to the artisans or societies surprisingly.
2. More than 50 crs. Of money have been diverted and spent uninterruptedly without maintaining any financial rule or guideline. As a result, the undersigned is facing different kind of problems.
 - a. Maximum of schemes are under construction or not started but funds were received from the dept in due time. As a result the societies and artisans are not getting their benefits which were claimed by them earlier. As per example, Kenjakura weaving cluster, Dalpur Dheki Rice Processing, Hingalganj Honey Cluster, Jaynagar MoA Hub, Mekhla Project Coochbehar, Mirik Art & Crafts, Kalimpong Mulberry Silk Project, Mirik Floating Market etc.
 - b. Some of the schemes have been partly completed but payment to the agency not done. Due to that the agencies claiming their funds to the Board.
 - c. A large amount of money was advanced to the certain person to make payment different types of works, mostly which are not visible at present. An amount of 4.5 crs. were advanced to a certain staff to make payment for the above purpose.
 - d. The tender process was not properly maintained by the the-then-Board or officials. In a certain scheme a number of tender or work orders were made without maintaining proper



tender rules and work order issued so many times within 5 lacs to avoid proper tender rules and guidelines.

- e. Large amount of money were advanced to purchase vehicles to a vendor who is completely outsider. This is also a bad practice of fund management.
3. In the Mirik Floating Project and Darjeeling Art & Craft Hub a large amount was advanced in different parts to Money Trust without proper adjustment received.

The board unanimously decided that the special audit is earnestly required to justify and verify the issues which have been mentioned by CEO, WBKVIB. Accordingly necessary steps to be taken from the Board, the Deptt., and the Finance Deptt.

AGENDA 9: Procurement of Roving and Seed cotton for different societies.

CEO, WBKVIB mentioned that Govt. of WB has taken a decision to release subsidy against roving and seed cotton which will be procured by WBKVIB from Trichur and Hajipur and may be from Tantuja and other govt. approved agencies. Principal Secretary of MSME&T Deptt. mentioned that a committee has been formed in this regard to release subsidy to Khadi Societies 10% of their procurement amount. The final decision will be taken by this State Level Committee. WBKVIB will claim the amount to the Deptt./State Level Committee and maximum 10% subsidy will be released.

The Board approved the matter and thanked the Govt. for this decision.

AGENDA 10: Enlistment of Panel Advocate.

CEO, WBKVIB mentioned that 14 nos. of tenants have accepted the new rent chart after mutual understanding. But 11 nos. of tenants proceed to the court. So, the Board has decided to engage two (2) Panel Advocates; Advocate Shri Amal Kumar Sen (Special Council), and Advocate Debangshu Dinda (Group-C) for defending WBKVIB in several court cases before the legal forum. The proposal will be sent to deptt. for approval.

AGENDA 11: Work flow of Marketing Section as on 20.06.2024.

In this session, the CEO described the progress of newly opened outlets of WBKVIB and their sale proceeds including proposals of exhibitions for this year (2024-25). He further added that many proposals for promotional activities were proposed by many respectable dignitaries which might not be possible since there was no reserve fund for this.

After an elaborate discussion on the related issues it has been unanimously decided that the procurement of khadi items will be encouraged through the consignment basis as per the requirement and quantum of sale. Proposals of promotional activities, advertisement etc from any corner would be accepted subject to availability of fund in the specified head only. On raising the issue of producing the details of exhibitions to the Hon'ble Board Members by the Hon'ble Chairman it has been decided to place a brief statistics of exhibitions in the subsequent Board Meeting. The Principal Secretary of the

Dept of MSMET raised the issue of promoting sale of outlets through 'Metro Railways' which has been supported by the entire house. On raising the issue of renovation of sale outlet at BBD Bag, the CEO informed the house of the initiatives already taken for this.

The board perused and approved.

AGENDA 12: Status report on Board's direct weaving & spinning production center up to June-2024.

In this session the CEO informed the house of the number of production units where the activities were postponed due to lack of sale of produced items. Some of the Hon'ble Board members requested the house to revive and start production oriented works by providing necessary fund support.

After hearing the requests from the Hon'ble Board Members, the Principal Secretary informed the house to initiate such proposals of running production units where sufficient marketing could be achieved only otherwise those units would be a constant liability to the Government which would not be justified for long run.

As there are many unutilized production centers in Udaynarayanpur and Gaja, the Board has decided to handover the production centers to the societies and run it. Hon'ble Principal Secretary suggested to create an Expression of Interest to enlist the products so that any other party can buy as per their requirement.

The Board perused and approved the report.

AGENDA 13: Shri Ujjal Pramanik expressed his opinion that Shri Kumaresh Chatterjee pointed out in WhatsApp Group that the board opposing manpower tender which have been floated in WBKVIB. It's creating bad impression against WBKVIB. The CEO should answer the question.

CEO, WBKVIB expressed that CEO is not related with this observation and he is not supporting the observation of the particular person. The Board is always supporting this tender and trying to mature the tender. So, there is no issue against this false allegation about the Board. The all members accepted the matter and dropped the issue.

AGENDA 14: The Chairman, WBKVIB expressed that we have been able to conduct 14 nos. of Khadi Mela during the year 2023-24. Now we are preparing for Khadi Mela in each district and 3 places in Kolkata; one at EEDF Ground second is at Central Park and third is at North Kolkata. All the members of the Board supported him and approved.



AGENDA 15: The Chairman expressed that year-wise fund diversion is required which have been shown by CEO for special audit. CEO expressed that all the records have not been kept in proper way during the last 12 years. That is why the special audit is required for this purpose. However, he submitted available data which have been shown in below.

Sl. No.	Company	Money
1	Saicon Construction	Rs. 1,19,41,735/-
2	MB Associates	Rs. 3,93,25,613/- , Rs. 1,77,00,000/-
3	AMC 14 agency	Rs. 47,36,048/-
4	Society	Rs. 1,59,36,652/-
5	Impression India	Rs. 3,52,57,460/-
6	Power zone Trading Company	Rs. 1,75,33,668/-
7	M.M. Enterprise	Rs. 1,14,81,923/-
8	Excelsior	Rs. 39,56,510/-
9	K B associates	Rs. 2,94,91,518/-
10	Ambrosia	Rs. 1,06,11,242/-
11	Swaraj Enterprise	Rs. 35,68,935/-
12	Paul Enterprise	Rs. 3,31,54,031/-
13	Moonlight	Rs. 33,30,370/-
14	Kanan Enterprise	Rs. 3,57,04,304/-
15	Sarcar Traders	Rs. 1,77,000/-
16	Partha Sarcar	Rs. 64,38,621/-
17	Laha Enterprise	Rs. 24,48,117/-
18	Chatterjee & Co	Rs. 4,44,400/-
19	Recoupment	Rs. 84,58,423/-
20	K B Associates	Rs. 2,50,00,000/-
21	Tapas Kr. Mondal	Rs. 89,43,171/-
22	Gaja Cotton Spinning Mill	Rs. 4,00,000/-
23	R K Associates	Rs. 35,00,000/-
24	MMDA/MDA Fund	Rs. 64,34,07,917/-

Besides the above so many societies are claiming money for supplying their products. Above records have been found from the Account Section. The Board had seen the matter.

Hon'ble Member Ujjal Pramanik claimed that the rural women belonging to SC/ST community produced yarns valued more than Rs. 23 lacs. at Durgapur Spinning Mill. That should be taken into consideration and restart of the project. The CEO, WBKVIB expressed that we have to find out of the process of sale of manufactured yarn first. Later on the production can be started as earlier as possible.

In respect of Dasghara, a fresh tender will be started from SIDBI Fund. New repairing and renovation work as soon as possible.

Hon'ble Member Ujjal Pramanik expressed that there is so many demands of handmade paper. So, we have to run the centre. CEO, WBKVIB expressed that without assuring marketing any production centre should not start. Therefore, decision can be taken.

Chairman, WBKVIB expressed that we have to extend our marketing. In this regard, Mayapur outlet has been started and additional fund amounting to Rs. 10.5 Lacs. for shuttering Water connection and some renovations and sanitary plumbing works sanctioned by the MSME&T Deptt. Again he opined that we have to extend our marketing at Asansole, Basirhat, near Kalighat Temple, near Dakshinwar Temple and Siliguri Municipal Corporation.

The Board perused the matter and approved.

AGENDA 16: Chairman, WBKVIB expressed a tender committee that formed during the-then CEO Smt. Sumita Bagchi. Present CEO has to clarify why the tender committee has not been convened during his tenure.

CEO, WBKVIB expressed that a new tender committee will be constituted in consultation with the Chairman and CEO of WBKVIB for better appreciation.

The Board perused the matter suggested CEO, WBKVIB to function the tender committee.

AGENDA 17: Several proposals were initiated for filling up the vacancies to run the Board smoothly. In this regard, basic minimum requirement was measured and only 29 nos. posts were asked to sanction. The Chairman requested Principal Secretary to look into the matter for early disposal.

AGENDA 18: MISCELLANEOUS.

❖ **Account Section**

1) Final accounts for the year 2023-24 of West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board has been prepared and placed by the Chartered Accountant, Mitra Roy & Datta by showing deficit Rs.81, 74,120.23.

The matter may be placed for kind approval.

2) As per Memorandum vide No. 2365-F(Y) dated 12.04.2018 of Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal a new Bank Account may be opened in any nationalized bank in favour of West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board as a savings account for the purpose of online receipts and refund of Tender Fees/EMD in e-tender portal.

The Board perused and approved.

❖ **B. Different queries**

Query 1 - Nalen Gur sale was very much lower side as a result nearly Rs.11 .00 lakh was loss in the previous year. To overcome this issue Board anonymously decided to look into the matter for one more year and order PEO to closely monitor and place one year performance. But as per the office order is it seen that it is looking under Marketing Section with intimation to the Board. This year performance is not produced at the board meeting. This matter need to be clarified next meeting.

Answer- As Nalen Gur project was running in loss in every year so an initial decision was taken to handover the project in presence of Hon'ble chairman and Hon'ble Board member Shri Ujjal Pramanik, then CEO, WBKVIB proposed to take a chance for one year. PEO, WBKVIB was instructed to supervise the matter. But unfortunately it was observed that till end of November 2023 no tube of Nalen Gur for Biswa Bangla, and Board itself was procured. As result, CEO replaced PEO to marketing sections for running the project. This was the fact. Yes, it will be placed in the next Board Meeting if board perused the matter.

Query 2- Hon'ble Board members repeatedly asked for publicity of the Nalen Gur and Gramin at Burdwan but it was not entertained. The board did not have any sufficient contingent fund to incur expenditure for other tours and all.

Answer- In case of publicity everything can be done. It's a great pleasure to us that Hon'ble Board Members decided. In this regard a committee can be formed. The board perused and approved.

Query 3- In the WhatsApp group where CEO is the Admin there so much controversy post were made as a result dividation between the staff and contractual is promoting and even it is using like a political group and discussion like GHERAO to Chairman, MIC and all Board members was also discussed. Hon'ble Board member shown some screenshots of it. This type of groupism from higher post impact the prestige of our board. Board will not tolerate this type of issues.

Answer- CEO, WBKVIB mentioned that it will be kept in mind and noted for future guidance.

Query 4- In case of fund diversion it is mentioned last 12 years. It needs to be replaced by previous few years.

Answer- CEO, WBKVIB mentioned that the fund diversion is already placed.

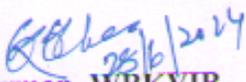
Query 5- As District KVIB don't have any E-tender mechanism hence all mela related tender may be float from the end of Head Office.

Answer- CEO, WBKVIB expressed that though it is quite difficult to float e-tender from HQ. However as decided by the board it will be done. The board perused and approved.

Query 6- A re-starting proposal for Durgapur spinning centre has sent to HO, WBKVIB no progress in this matter yet to circulate at district office. Necessary step to be taken to sale all the yarns along with other production centre's raw material like Udaynarayanpur, Howrah.

Answer- CEO, WBKVIB mentioned that it will be kept in mind and noted for future guidance.

As there was no other discussion the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.


Chairman, WBKVIB