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National Board for Workers Education and Development
New Delhi

The 178th meeting of the Governing Body of DTNBWED was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 4th December, 2021.

Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour and Employment has inaugurated the Meeting. Shri Rameshwar Teli, Hon'ble State Minister for Labour and Employment and Shri Sunil Bharthwal, Secretary, Labour and Employment also present on the occasion. These dignitaries had a maiden interaction with the members of the Governing Body of DTNBWED.



Union Minister for Labour and Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav in his address, informed that the Ministry of Labour is examining the scope to expand Social Security to maximum workers including Unorganized sector workers. He stressed on employment, old age pension, healthcare, job security, bonded labour and child labour. He further stated that we are committed for occupational health and safety of workforce and especially of workers doing hazardous type of work. He stressed on an equal pay for women to enable them to work in dignified manner. The concept of development should have holistic approach.

Shri Rameshwar Teli, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour and Employment while addressing stressed that the progress of nation depends on development and contribution of workers. The Board is playing a pivotal role in creating awareness about various welfare schemes of Government of India and reaching to work force of India. He further stated that our Government is committed for welfare of workers and their social security schemes being propagated to them. He also added to give more thrust on the training programmes for North East region.

Shri Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, MoLE addressed the Meeting and expressed his views on the objective of the Board. The Secretary further highlighted on Traditional Skills of Artisans.



The worker after passing formal education starts to earn by joining in a factory/workshop. The worker starts working in workshop and they developed their skills by experience only, which amounts to contribute such large workforce. He emphasizes on Certificate Courses, in which certificates can be awarded by DTNBWED for workers having skill.

Wages Code – there is provision in Minimum Wages to be linked with skill i.e. unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled and highly skilled workers. Payment will be commensurate with skill. The workers are getting payment for unskilled work and they can earn more by showing certificate for Skill development at par with Skilled workforce.

There are many schemes of the Government of India and workers can derive benefit of these schemes viz. Mudra, Sunidhi, RERA, Atmanirbhar Bharat etc. generating awareness through DTNBWED.

Shri Virjesh Upadhyay, Chairman informed that the Board in consultation with IGNOU has submitted draft MoU for approval of Ministry. There are about 50 Regional Directorates located throughout the country and now because of shifting of Head Office from Nagpur to Delhi which will help to finalize the new initiatives faster . Chairman felt proud to have both the Hon'ble Ministers and Labour Secretary in the meeting of the Governing Body.

Shri Harsh Vaidya, Director General during his address, gave a brief about activities conducted by Board, especially during COVID-19, which include special awareness programmes. In informed that Education Officers of DTNBWED helped in registering for vaccination, gave awareness about schemes launched by Government of India for Unorganised and Rural Sectors and conducted virtual training programmes during COVID pandemic. The training activity on e-shram portal helped to register many workers. DTNBWED have formulated short, medium and long term activities.

He further stated that a Committee to formulate Road Map of the Board has been constituted. The Board has initiated to create the awareness among workers about digital and financial literacy.

The following Governing Body members of the DTNBWED participated in the deliberations Smt. Sibani Swain, Financial Advisor and Additional Secretary, L&E, Shri Arun Biswas, D.G., (Statistics) L&E, Shri Atul Sobti, D.G., SCOPE, New Delhi, Shri Sudhakar Apraj, General Secretary, HMS, Shri Sukumar Damle, National Secretary, AITUC, Shri Pramod Kumar Singhaniya, President of ICSI, Kolkata, Shri Mahendra Pratap Singh, Vice President, BMS, Dr. Suman Vaishnav, MGLI, Ahmedabad, Dr. Uday Suvarna, National President, FASII, Bangalore.



The Chairman extended vote of thanks to Hon'ble Ministers, Governing Body Members and Officers of the Labour and Employment Ministry for making a meeting a grand success.
