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NOTIFICATION

The undersigned is directed to convey the communication made by the Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Higher Education Department, C.S. Branch, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091 vide his letter No. 25(2)-Edn.(CS)/10M-106/2015 dated 08/01/2016 in regard to follow-up of 1st meeting of State Coordination Committee for West Bengal Transgender Development Board held on 28th July, 2015(copy enclosed).

This is for information of all concerned.

Registrar (Acting)
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Memo. No. REG/Notify/156/310
Date : 08.02.2016
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To:

1. Shri Santosankar Dasgupta
   Senior System Analyst & In-Charge, Computer Centre
   - ***He is requested to upload the letter (enclosed) on the University Website.***

FIRST MEETING OF STATE COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF WEST BENGAL TRANSGENDER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Date: 28th July, 2015

At

Conference Hall, Bikash Bhawan

Participants (number and profile): Attached as Annexure I

Proceedings of the meeting:

The first meeting of State Coordination Committee of West Bengal Transgender Development Board was held on 28th July 2015 at the Conference Hall of CD, WD and SW Department, Bikash Bhawan. The meeting started with a round of introduction. On behalf of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare Department, Dr. Shashi Panja HMOS (IC) welcomed all the officials and distinguished participants. She informed that West Bengal Transgender Development Board has been formed vide notification No. 1726 / SW / 4S - 54 / MOS/ WCDSW / 14, dated 17.04.2015. The Board will function in accordance with the provisions laid in the West Bengal Transgender Development Board Regulation 2015and the first meeting of WBTGDB was held on 10th July 2015 at C.S. Conference Hall, Nabanna. The logo of WBTGDB has been unveiled in the meeting.

She added that a State Coordination Committee has also been formed to coordinate the activities of WBTGDB with different Departments of the Government. Thereafter she invited Secretary, Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare Department to share her views. She said that the problems faced by the TG community have been brought to the notice of the State Government in the recent past after the Supreme Court judgement. In this regard, several meetings were held by the CD and WD& SW Department with representatives from concerned departments like Health and Family Welfare, Backward Classes Welfare, Police, School Education, Law, Women Commission, Transgender Community. In this regard, she asked Member Secretary, WBTGDB to present the power point presentation of the meeting.It was followed by a round of discussion and comprehensive agenda wise interaction. The detail discussion and resolutions of the meeting are as follows:

Department wise discussion, suggestions and resolutions adopted in the meeting:

1. **Backward Classes Welfare Department**: Hon'ble Supreme Court in its verdict delivered on 15.04.2014 instructed Union and State Governments to "treat TG community as socially and educationally backward". Special Secretary, BCW department mentioned that all the certificates issued by the BCW department are based on Caste and following the verdict of Honourable Supreme Court the Transgender people would have to be issued such certificate not based on caste. In view of above BCW department was requested to bring the matter for kind consideration of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment as well as National Backward Classes Commission. For this purpose BCW Department may consider developing separate parameters in case of TG people for considering them under OBC. It was suggested that in case of OBC certificate issued provision should be made to include FtM or MtF.

- In district units that are to be established for TG community representative of BCW department (PO cum DWO) should be included as one of the members.
- For a survey which is proposed to be conducted by BCW (as suggested by Special Secretary BCW) to enumerate the TG population (for OBC certificate purpose), members of TG community may be tied up for proper sensitization of the enumerator.
- It was resolved that a Committee will be constituted with the representatives from Nodal department (CD, WD and SW department), BCW department, Members of WBTGDB and Cultural Research Institute of BCW to develop the modalities on the issue.

2. **School Education Department**: Issues related to school education and TG community were discussed in detail and it was resolved that :

- The topic of Gender Awareness as well as freedom to choose or adopt any gender and social exclusion due to gender should be included in school curriculum. It was suggested that classes on SOCIAL EXCLUSION Groups and gender related issues may be introduced from class VI. Infact Verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court may be included in that chapter itself.
- Chairperson State Commission for Protection of Child Rights requested the Board members to give curriculum revision proposal immediately to him for taking up the same with School Education department. He also

suggested to involve Public Health Engineering department for supply of arsenic free water in schools.

- It was resolved that two types of toilets for TG community students should be constructed in schools.
- It was suggested by the Members from TG Community that school uniform may be of unisex type and there should be redressal cells at all level.

3. **Higher Education Department:** They will be requested to arrange separate toilets for TG or modify toilets to suit TG Community in colleges and universities and other higher education Institutes (M to F) and (F to M).

4. **Technical Education Department**: - Representative from this department emphasised on sensitization of the officers and staffs of his department and stated that a detail discussion is required to design the target specific courses in different institutions.

5. **Health and Family Welfare Department**:-Matters such as Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS) and treatment of TG community people at Government hospitals were discussed in detail. It was resolved that :

- Department of Health and Family Welfare would be requested to accord approval to SRS units in government hospitals.
- Proper orientation to be imparted to the staffs of the hospitals specially those Medical officers and staffs who are handling the outdoor service.
- There should be a team/person to guide TG patients properly in outdoor services.
- Forms should be modified accordingly to include TG column for TG patients.
- TG members demanded that there should be separate wards, toilets and attendants in the government hospitals. In case of attendants, it was suggested that TG community member may be employed as attendants in such cases.
- Endocrinology department in government hospitals maybe segregated for TG community.

6. **Home (Police) Department**:-Representative of the Home (Police) Department stated that sensitization is required for personnel of the Home and police departments. It was suggested that :

- People belonging to TG community may be employed for frisking the TG community people while travelling or wherever applicable.
- Separate lock ups and toilets may be constructed for them in Police stations.
- He also suggested that if they agree people from TG community may be included as volunteers to manage the pandal hoppers in forth coming Puja and in future.
- Members of TG community suggested that government enrolment of TG people may be considered rather than civic volunteers.
- It was also suggested by the representative of the Home (Police) Department that provisions may be made for recruitment of TG community in police force and provided physical parameter for recruitment may be specified for TG community. Home (Police) Department is refused to take up the matter in the earnest with Police Recruitment Board.
- Representative of the Police department stated that since provisions laid down in Indian Penal Code is insufficient to handle the matters related to TGs, modification of IPC in relation to gender is important. Home department was requested to bring the matter to the notice of Home Ministry as well as Law Commission.
- It was suggested that Board should also consider the problems faced by the TG people married before NLSA judgment, due to article 377 and related articles dealing with sexuality between same sex and remedial actions may be suggested to the appropriate authority in due course.

Finally Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), CD, WD and SW department stated that :

- Departments other than members of this committee should be made aware of the issues of TG community and they should be requested to make necessary modifications in the existing system.
- Departments handling issuance of Passports (Regional Passport Authority), PAN cards (Income Tax Department), Voter's card (Chief Electoral Officer), Driving Licence (Transport Department), Security Check up at airport (CISF) etc. should be requested to make necessary changes to include identity of TG Community. She insisted that Board members should help to draft the notifications.

- HMOS suggested that other departments such as Panchayat and Rural Development, Public Works Department, Public Health Engineering, Transport, Municipal Affairs etc. should be invited in the next meeting.
- Ensuing Durga Puja festival may be utilised for awareness of the TG Community and the matter related with social exclusion faced by them may be highlighted in the Puja pandels.
- HMOS also insisted on organising separate meetings with departments and requested the departments present and board members to provide feedback on actions to be taken proforma (enclosed with the meetings notice). She emphasised that employment of TG people is important to generate awareness.

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

Shashi Panja

(Dr. Shashi Panja)
HMOS (IC), CD & WD& SW Department

Annexure I

ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR FIRST MEETING OF STATE COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF WEST BENGAL TRANSGENDER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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