

DGMS(Legislation)/Circular No. 3 dated, Dhanbad the 21st April, 2004

Subject: Amendment to Regulation 152(2), 161,(2) & 21(1) of the Coal Mines Regulations, 1957.

Sir,

- 1.0 The provision of Regulation 152(2),161(1),(2) & 21(1) of the Coal Mines Regulation, 1957 relating to qualifications and practical experience of candidates for certificates granted by Board have been amended vide Government of India Notification No. G.S.R. 824(E) dated 5th November, 2001 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II, Section 3(i) of even date. The provisions of these amended regulations have come into effect from the date of their publication as indicated above (i.e. 5th November, 2001) with certain relaxation's for three years from coming into force of these amendments (i.e. upto 5th November, 2004)
- 2.0 Amended provisions of these Regulations are reproduced below :-

Regulation 15(2)

No person shall be admitted as a candidate to any examination for Manger's Surveyor's, Overman's or Sirdar's Certificate unless he has passed the "**Senior Secondary Scholl Examination or Intermediate Examination or its equivalent from a recognized Board or University or passed a diploma in Engineering or Degree in Mining Engineering or other equivalent qualifications approved in that behalf by the Central Government**" and for an Engine –driver's or Shot firer's Certificate unless he satisfies the Board that he is literate :

Provided that nothing in this sub-regulation shall be deemed to debar a person not satisfying the provisions thereof from being admitted at an examination for "**any of these certificates for three years from coming into force of the Coal Mines (Amendment) Regulations, 2001**", if he had been admitted at an examination for the said certificate earlier .

Regulation 16 : Practical experience of candidates for manager's examination -

- (1) No person shall be admitted as a candidate at any examination for a First or Second Class Manager's **other than an exchange certificate to which the provisions of regulation 21 apply'** unless Board is satisfied that he has had practical experience in coal mine for a period of not less than **six** and **five** years respectively.

Provided that a candidate :-

- "(a) Who has received a diploma in mining or mining engineering or others equivalent qualification approved in that behalf by the**

Central Government such period shall be reduced to five and four years respectively, and,

- (b) Who has passed a degree in mining engineering or other equivalent qualification approved in that behalf by the Central Government, such period shall be reduced to two and one year respectively,**

Provided further that aforementioned period of experience mentioned in the above shall be obtained after acquiring the relevant academic qualifications",

- (2) The nature of the practical experience required of a candidate for a Manager's Certificate shall be experience approved by the Board gained in workings below ground in one or other following capacities in a coal mine having an average monthly output of not less than 1,000 (tones) –
- (a) as a workman, or a mining apprentice having direct practical experience of getting coal and stone work timbering and repairing ; or
- (b) as an underground official.

Provided that the Board may approve a part of the period of practical experience which has been obtained in any of the aforementioned capacities in an open cast mine or in a mine other than a coal mine or in any mine which is under development, or part of the period of the experience gained while engaged, in inspection, rescue, research, planning or any other work, connected with mining operations, upto a period not exceeding ' **six months** in case of Second Class and **one year** in case of First Class Manager's Certificate.

Regulation 21 Exchange Certificates –

- (1) The Board may grant to any person, holding a Manager's Surveyor's Engine – driver's , Foreman's Mate's or Blaster's certificate granted under any law for the regulations of mines in force in any other country or under the Metalliferous Mines Regulations made under this Act, a corresponding certificate of similar class examination as Board may stipulate.

The amended portions of Regulations have been highlighted.

You are requested to give wide publicity amongst all the persons working in your area for information and compliance.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

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