

Directorate General of Mines Safety

DGMS (Tech) Circular No.6/2008

Dhanbad dated the 26.09.2008

To

The Owner, Agent & Managers of Open Cast Coal and Non Coal and Coal Mines.

Sub: Separate road for Light Motor Vehicles ill the Mine Premises of Mechanized Open Cast, Coal and Non Coal Mines. ,

It has been observed that a considerable number of fataf accidents occurred in the mine premises of Mechanized Open Cast Mines when Dumpers of high capacity rare over Light Motor Vehicles on the haul roads.

Enquiry into the above accidents revealed that while Light Motor Vehicles plying on the haul roads, enter into the blind zone of the moving Dumpers and the Dumper Drivers unable to spot the Light Motor Vehicles and as a result Dumpers run over the Light Motor Vehicles. Range of Blind zone of the Dumpers varies with the height of Driver's cabin.

Front line Supervisors and Executives traveling in the Light Motor Vehicles along with their drivers are fatally) injured in the accidents occurred due to run over of Light Motor Vehicles by the Dumpers on the haul roads.

Not only that, Dumpers-are left hand' driven where Light Motor Vehicles are right hand driven and this create lot of confusions between the Drivers and lead to accidents.

Enquiry also revealed that' these accidents could have been averted if the Light Motor Vehicles would not have been allowed to ply on the haul roads and a separate road for Light Motor vehicles would have been provided and maintained in the mine premises.

Therefore, in the interest of the safety of the persons employed in minutes, I request you to provide and maintain asepanlte road in the mine premises for the light Motor Vehicles -used' for inspection and transportation. This road will not cross the Haul Road. at any place in the Mine premises.

This is for compliance in all Mechanized Open Cast mines Here dumpers of capacity 35 tonne or more are used for transportation of mineral and removal of over burden in the mines.

Yours faithfully
Director General of Mines Safety