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To
The Owners, Agents & Managers of all mines.

Sub: Accident due to fall of persons while working at height.

Increasing number of fatal accidents due to fall from height has been a matter of concern for quite some time. Recently, a worker engaged by contractor lost his life by falling from a height of 10.8m while he was engaged in painting purlin at the roof level of a workshop in an opencast coal mine. While at work with a safety belt the deceased who was standing precariously on a projected bamboo fixed at its end to a steel truss, lost his balance and fell down. The resultant jerks several the safety belt causing his free fall.

Inquiry into the accident revealed failure to comply with some elementary safety precautions like providing platform/stage or scaffold, ensuring use of approved and well-maintained safety belt etc.

In order to prevent such type of accident in future you are requested to take following steps in addition to the prevalent practices and procedures.

- (i) A working platform/stage or scaffold of adequate width with proper fencing shall be provided. A safe means of access to the working platform shall be provided.
- (ii) Only approved type of safety belt or life line conforming to Indian Standard IS:3520-1999 shall be used which shall be properly maintained and checked for its fitness before every use.
- (iii) A code of safe procedure shall be prepared and implemented for such type of dangerous jobs which amongst others may include training of persons, supervision before engaging contractual persons etc.

The matter may be brought to the notice of all concerned under your charge for strict compliance.

Director-General of Mines Safety.