

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE ON SAFETY IN MINES

Held in Calcutta on 14th-15th July, 1973

1. Suitable provisions should be made in Coal Mines (Safety & Conservation) Act for safety and rehabilitation of persons residing on surface of u.g. workings which are unsafe, or likely to become unsafe.
2. There should be a suitable legislation prohibiting/regulating new constructions in mining areas without permission from competent authority.
3. The activities of the National Council for Safety in Mines should be expanded by providing additional funds for its proper functioning.
4. Any person who is rendered medically unfit as a result of an occupational disease or mining accident should be treated at the cost of the management with full pay and if found unsuitable for the present job, the management should provide him with a suitable alternative job. If permanent disability exceeds 50%, management may be given option of either retaining him in employment without loss in wages or retrenching him from service paying him retrenchment plus disablement compensation.
5. In the changed character of the mining industry with the recent nationalisation of all coal mines, the role and functions of the DGMS need to be redefined, its responsibilities more precisely stated and its cadre strengthened with persons of the required calibre and experience.
6. Violations detected in inspections by DGMS officers be pointed out on the spot and entered in a register kept at the mine. A copy to be displayed on notice board.
7. A separate set of regulations for opencast mines may be drafted.
8. Vocational training to workers should be imparted during the working hours.
9. Raising contract system in relation to mines should be abolished.
10. Occupational Health Service at Company level should be established as early as possible.
11. Workmen's Compensation Act should be amended to (a) further increase the rates of compensation, (b) bring all industrial employees, irrespective of their income, within the scope of the Act.
12. Identity cards should be issued to all mine workers.
13. The recommendations of the Jeetpur Court of Inquiry should be examined and implemented at an early date.