



Report on the Administration of
the Workmen's Compensation Act
(VIII of 1923) in the Central
Provinces and Berar during the
calendar year 1930

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GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

FROM

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Central Provinces,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR,
Simla.

Nagpur, the 2nd July 1931.

SUBJECT.—*Report on the Administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1930.*

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Clow's letter No. L-1189, dated the 31st July 1924, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward a brief report on the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, in the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1930, together with the prescribed returns A, B and C.

2. During the year under report the accidents reported to Government under the Indian Mines Act of 1923 numbered 10 involving death and 81 involving serious bodily injury to 83 persons, while in the factories coming under the purview of the Indian Factories Act, there occurred 8 fatal, 37 serious and 258 minor accidents.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

N. J. ROUGHTON,

Financial Secretary.

Enclosure.—Report and statements.

Report on the Administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act (VIII of 1923) in the Central Provinces and Berar during the calendar year 1930.

The number of Commissioners under the Act during the year under report was the same as in the preceding year.

RETURN A.

2. Award of compensation (under section 10).—There were 24 applications for disposal during the year: 6 pending from the previous year (3 in respect of fatal accidents, and 3 in respect of permanent disablement), and 18 were filed during the year, of which 3 referred to fatal accidents, 12 to permanent disablement, and 3 to temporary disablement. Twenty applications were disposed of during the year: 2 withdrawn, 5 dismissed for non-appearance, 1 dismissed under rule 22, 5 admitted by opposite party, 5 allowed in full, 2 dismissed after contest, and 1 was transferred to the Commissioner, Bombay, for disposal. Only three applications were pending at the close of the year, 1 relating to fatal accident, 1 to permanent disablement, and 1 to temporary disablement.

3. Distribution (under section 8).—There were 5 distribution proceedings pending at the commencement of the year. 45 were filed during the year under report out of which one was originally received by the Commissioner, Jubbulpore, and transferred for disposal to Commissioner, Hoshangabad. Of these 50 cases, 39 were disposed of on admission by the opposite party, and 11 remained pending at the close of the year.

4. Commutation (under section 7), Review (under section 6), Recovery of compensation (under section 31), and others.—No applications were filed during the year 1930.

5. The amount of Court fees realized was Rs. 80-8-0 as against Rs. 39-4-0 in the preceding year.

RETURN B.

6. Six memoranda of agreement were pending at the commencement of the year, 3 relating to permanent disablement, and 3 to temporary disablement. Thirty-nine

memoranda of agreement were filed during the year, 31 for payment of compensation in respect of permanent disablement and 8 for temporary disablement. Of these 45 memoranda of agreement, 35 were registered as filed, 2 were not registered, one on account of inadequacy and another on account of non-appearance of the parties to prove the same, leaving 8 memoranda of agreement pending at the end of the year. The amount of compensation involved in the 35 memoranda of agreement referred to above was Rs. 7,107-5-2 as against Rs. 4,146-11-11 in 25 such memoranda of agreement in the preceding year.

RETURN C.

7. Compensation was awarded in 48 cases of which 42 related to fatal accidents (two of these being in respect of minors), 5 to permanent disablement, and 1 to temporary disablement. Rs. 200 were paid as compensation in respect of each minor for fatal accident. The highest number of awards was made in respect of workmen whose assumed wages were Rs. 15-4-0 per mensem.

8. Compensation deposited.—The opening balance at the commencement of the year was Rs. 5,287-13-1. The amount of compensation deposited with the Commissioners during the year was Rs. 27,243-1-2, out of which Rs. 1,387-8-0 were received by the Commissioner, Hoshangabad, by transfer from the Commissioner, Jubbulpore, and Rs. 17,777-8-0 were received from Railways in connection with the fatal and non-fatal accidents. The total amount for disbursement before the Commissioners was Rs. 32,530-14-3, out of which Rs. 23,954-7-3 was awarded to dependants, Rs. 602-3-0 paid to workmen, and Rs. 1,387-8-0 remitted to the Commissioner, Hoshangabad, in respect of the case transferred to him by the Commissioner, Jubbulpore, leaving a balance of Rs. 6,586-12-0 at the close of the year.

9. Employers' Return (under section 16).—A summary of the Annual Returns received from the employers is annexed. It appears from it that the total number of accidents for which compensation was paid during the year as shown in the employers' return is 234 out of

which 22 resulted in death, 26 in permanent disablement, and 186 in temporary disablement (as against 17, 40 and 179, respectively, in 1929). The compensation paid was Rs. 8,965 for fatal accidents, Rs. 5,830-2-0 for permanent disablement, and Rs. 2,400-0-9 for temporary disablement, against Rs. 7,786-8-0, Rs. 9,011-0-11 and Rs. 2,502-8-10, respectively, in the previous year.

10. These figures do not include accidents to persons employed in railway services, and compensation paid for them, as the returns for such accidents are submitted direct to the Railway Board.

11. The working of the Act is on the whole satisfactory although the Commissioners, Nagpur, Saugor, Hoshangabad, and East Berar, report that the workmen are still as a class ignorant of the extent of their rights under the Act.

J. E. SOLOMON,

NAGPUR: *Registrar,*
Judicial Commissioner's Court,
Central Provinces.
The 22nd May 1931.

STATEMENTS

RETURN
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

*Proceedings before the Commissioner for Workmen's
year ending the 31st*

Return of cases filed.

1. Application for the registration of agreements should
2. Proceedings should only be entered under distribution where the employer is a party they should be shown under

Applications for	Pending at commencement.	Filed.	Transferred to other Commissioners for disposal.	Received for disposal from other Commissioners.	Not		
					Withdrawn.	Dismissed for non-appearance.	Summarily dismissed under rule 21.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Award of compensation (under section 10)—</i>							
Fatal Accidents ...	3	3	...	...	...	1	...
Permanent disablement.	3	12	1	...	2	3	...
Temporary disablement.	...	3	...	...	...	1	...
Total ...	6	18	1	...	2	5	...
Distribution (under section 8).	5	(a) 45	1	1	...	...	...
Commutation (under section 7).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Review (under section 6).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Recovery of compensation (under section 31).
Others
Total ..	5	45	1	1

(a) NOTE.—Two cases

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ACT (VIII OF 1923).

Compensation for Central Provinces and Berar for the
December 1930.

not be entered in this statement.

if they are confined to dependants of the deceased workman ;
Award of Compensation : Fatal accidents [cf. rule 6 (2)].

contested.				Contested.				Total dis- posed of.	Pend- ing at con- clu- sion.	Court fees paid.
Dis- miss- ed under rule 22.	Ad- mitted by opposite party.	Al- lowed <i>ex parte</i> .	Total.	Al- lowed.	Al- lowed in part.	Dis- miss- ed.	Total.			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
...	2	...	3	2	2	5	1	6 0 0
1	3	...	9	2	...	2	4	13	1	41 8 0
...	1	1	1	2	1	2 0 0
1	5	...	13	5	...	2	7	20	3	49 0 0
..	(a) 39	...	39	39	11	31 0 0
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...	39	...	39	39	11	31 0 0

refer to one fatal accident.

RETURN C.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT (VIII OF 1923.)

Proceedings before the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation for Central Provinces and Berar for the year ending the 31st December 1930.

Number of persons in each wage class to whom compensation was awarded.

(Commutation, Review, etc. cases should be excluded.)

		Number of persons.			
		For temporary disablement.	For permanent disablement.	For fatal accidents.	Total number.
Assumed wage (see Schedule IV.)		2	3	4	5
1		2	3	4	5
ADULTS.	Rs. a. p.				
	8 0 0	1	...	4	5
	10 0 0	...	...	4	4
	12 0 0	...	...	2	2
	15 4 0	...	2	16	18
	20 0 0	...	1	8	9
	25 0 0	...	...	2	2
	30 0 0	...	1	1	2
	35 0 0	...	...	...	...
	40 0 0	...	1	...	1
	46 4 0	...	...	...	...
	55 0 0	...	...	1	1
	65 0 0	...	...	...	...
	75 0 0	...	...	...	...
83 5 4	...	...	2	2	
Total adults	1	5	40	46	
MINORS.	Rs. a. p.				
	8 0 0	...	...	Enter under total only.	...
	10 0 0	...	...		...
	15 4 0	...	...		...
	20 0 0	...	...		...
	25 0 0	...	...		...
	30 0 0	...	...		...
	35 0 0	...	...		...
	40 0 0	...	...		...
	46 4 0	...	...		...
	55 0 0	...	...		...
	65 0 0	...	...		...
	75 0 0	...	...		...
	83 5 4	...	...		...
Total minors	...	...	2		2
Grand total	1	5	42	48	

Consolidated return relating to period from

	Accidents.					
	Cases of			Compensation paid during the year for		
	Death.	Permanent disablement.	Temporary disablement.	Death.	Permanent disablement.	Temporary disablement.
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
<i>Tramways.</i>						
Adults	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minors	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Factories.</i>						
Adults	10	15	123	4,407 8 0	4,677 5 0	1,759 9 0
Minors	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Mines.</i>						
Adults	11	11	63	4,357 8 0	1,152 13 0	640 7 9
Minors	1	...	...	200 0 0	...	...
<i>Port Trust.</i>						
Adults
Minors
Total Adults	21	26	186	8,765 0 0	5,830 2 0	2,400 0 9
Total Minors	1	200 0 0

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the 1st January to 31st December 1930.

Occupational Diseases					
Cases of			Compensation paid during the year for		
Death.	Permanent disablement.	Temporary disablement.	Death.	Permanent disablement.	Temporary disablement.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
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