

REPORT

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

**Workmen's Compensation Act
(VIII of 1923)**

IN THE

Central Provinces and Berar

DURING THE YEAR

1927

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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 11th August 1928.

SUBJECT:—*Report on the Administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1927.*

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Clow's letter No. L. 1189, dated the 31st July 1927, 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 1927, 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 16 involving death and 55 involving serious bodily injury, while in the factories coming under

the purview of the Indian Factories Act there occurred 3 fatal, 44 serious and 246 minor accidents as compared with 5 fatal, 35 serious and 203 minor accidents during the previous year.

3. The local Government commends for the consideration of the Government of India the suggestions made in paragraph 7 of the report regarding the amendment of Form A for deposit of compensation.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

N. J. ROUGHTON,

Financial Secretary.

Enclosures.—Report and Statements.

Report on the Administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act (VIII of 1923) in the Central Provinces and Berar during the year 1927.

The number of Commissioners under the Act remained unchanged during the year.

2. **Statement A.**—There were 16 cases for award of compensation under section 10 and 41 for distribution under section 8 of the Act before the Commissioners. Of the 16 cases for award of compensation, 6 were disposed of without contest and 8 after contest. 36 cases for distribution were disposed of uncontested, while one was contested. There was one case for deposit of compensation under section 8(i) of the Act and it was transferred to the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Chepauk, Madras. The amount of compensation had to be returned to the employer of the deceased workman in one case in the West Berar district as the wife of the deceased could not be traced. Two cases for award of compensation and four for distribution remained pending at the close of the year. The amount of court-fees realized was Rs. 40-8-0 as against Rs. 39-0-0 in the previous year.

3. **Statement B.**—Four agreements were pending from the previous year. 22 were filed during the year as against the same number in the previous year. Of the 26 agreements, 22 were registered as filed, one was registered after modification, one was not registered on account of inadequacy of the amount of compensation and two remained pending at the end of the year.

4. **Statement C.**—54 persons received compensation during the year as against the same number in the previous year. The dependents of 36 persons were paid compensation for fatal accidents as against 39 in the previous year. Compensation was also paid to 15 persons for permanent disablement and to three for temporary disablement as against 14 and 1, respectively, in the year 1926.

5. The total amount of compensation awarded, distributed and agreed to by the parties was Rs. 24,468-11-0

as against Rs. 19,965 in the previous year. Out of this Rs. 21,915-5-0 was paid for fatal accidents, Rs. 2,544-10-0 for permanent disablement and Rs. 8-12-0 for temporary disablement, the previous years' figures being Rs. 16,656, Rs. 3,302 and Rs. 7, respectively.

6. From the returns received by the Commissioners from the employers of workmen in the form prescribed by Government of India, Industries and Labour Department Notification No. 1189, dated the 26th June 1924, it appears that there were 17 cases of death, 30 of permanent and 92 of temporary disablement involving payment of compensation amounting to Rs. 8,027, Rs. 5,656-2-3 and Rs. 2,250-6-6 during the year as against 10 cases of death, 24 of permanent and 188 of temporary disablement involving payment of compensation amounting to Rs. 6,224, Rs. 11,660 and Rs. 2,139, respectively in the year 1926.

7. The act and the rules are working reasonably well. The Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Saugor, suggests that form A for deposit of compensation for fatal accidents should be amended so as to require the names and addresses of the dependents of the deceased persons to be noted therein by the employer, with a view to save the publication charges borne by the dependents and to expedite the disposal of cases. The Judicial Commissioner has not sufficient knowledge of the data applicable to be able to give an opinion on this suggestion but it would appear to merit consideration.

S. M. BHAGADE,

*Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court,
Central Provinces.*

NAGPUR :

The 18th May 1928.

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	...	...	...	1	...	...
Permanent disablement.	5	6	...	...	...	...	1
Temporary disablement.	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Total ...	8	8	...	...	1	...	3
Distribution (under section 8).	3	38	...	...	...	...	...
Commutation (under section 7).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Review (under section 6).
Recovery of compensation (under section 31).
Others	1	1
Total ...	3	39	1

A

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*Compensation for Central Provinces and Berar for the
December 1927.*

not be entered in this statement.

if they are confined to dependents 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- low- ed ex- parte.	Total.	Al- low- ed.	Al- low- ed in part.	Dis- miss- ed.	Total.			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
										Rs. a. p.
...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
...	...	...	1	1	4	3	8	9	2	15 12 0
...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
...	...	2	6	1	4	3	8	14	2	15 12 0
...	32	4	36	1	...	...	1	37	4	24 12 0
...
...
...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
...	32	4	36	1	...	...	1	38	4	24 12 0

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 1927.

Number of persons in each wage class to whom compensation was awarded.
(Commutation, Review, etc., cases should be excluded.)

	Assumed wage (see Schedule IV).	Number of persons.			
		For temporary disable- ment.	For permanent disable- ment.	For fatal accidents.	Total numbers.
	1	2	3	4	5
ADULTS.	Rs. a. p.				
	8 0 0	...	...	...	...
	10 0 0	1	...	3	4
	12 0 0	...	4	9	13
	15 4 0	1	3	8	12
	20 0 0	...	5	9	14
	25 0 0	...	1	2	3
	30 0 0	...	1	1	2
	35 0 0	...	...	...	...
	40 0 0	1	...	1	2
	46 4 0	...	...	1	1
	55 0 0	...	...	1	1
	75 0 0	} ... {	...	...	} ... {
	83 5 4	} ... {	...	1	1
Total adults	...	3	14	36	53
MINORS.	Rs. a. p.				
	8 0 0	...	1	...	1
	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	...	...	1	...	1
Grand total	...	3	15	36	54