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Rules framed in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (bbb) of section 30 of the Mines Act, 1923 (IV of 1023).

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Coal Mines Pithead Bath Rules, 1946.

(2) These rules shall come into force on 1st July 1947.

2. Definitions.

(a) ²["Competent authority" means the Chief Inspector of Mines or any other persons authorised by him in this behalf].

(b) (i) "Category 'A' mine" means a coal mine, the average monthly output of which exceeds 500 tons but does not exceed 2,500 tons.

(ii) "Category 'B' mine" means a coal mine, the average monthly output of which exceeds 2,500 tons but does not exceed 10,000 ton.

(iii) "Category 'C' mine" means a coal mine, the average monthly output of which exceeds 10,000 tons but does not exceed 20,000 tons.

(iv) "Category 'D' mine" means a coal mine, the average monthly output of which exceed 20,000 tons.

Explanation.- The average monthly output of a mine shall be calculated on the basis of the figures of coal raisings of the previous calendar year.

(c) "competent authority" means the Coal Mines Welfare Commissioner or any person authorised in writing by him in this behalf:

(d) "pithead bath" means a bathing place at or near at pithead for the use of mine equipped with shower baths, locker rooms and ancillary facilities, such as latrines, urinals, and attendants rooms.

3. Provisions of pithead baths.- (1) The owner of ever coal mine shall construct thereat a pitched bath in accordance with plans prepared in conformity with these rules and approved by the competent authority; provided that:-

(i) the competent authority may, in exceptional cases, with the concurrence of the Government of ³[Pakistan] grant exemption from this requirement to mines the resources of which are not sufficient to enable them to make provision for adequate supply of water for pithead baths;

(ii) the competent authority may grant exemption in respect of any mine, on production of a certificate from the Chief Inspector of Mines that its productive capacity will be exhausted within the next three years, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed requiring the provision of alternative bathing facilities of a temporary character;

(iii) in a mine with a number of openings, the owner may install more pithead baths than one, provided that the total number of shower baths installed and of latrines and urinals provided shall not be less than is required to conform with sub-rule (2) of this rule and with rule 9.

(iv) if the competent authority is satisfied than no inconvenience will be caused to the mines concerned if a single pithead bath is provided to serve neighbouring mines of category 'A' or 'B' he may authorise the owners of such mines to provide a single pithead bath to serve such mines, which shall for the purposes of sub-rule (3) be deemed to be a single mine with an average monthly output equal to the combined average monthly output of the individual mines.

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² Subs. for the original clause by Noti. No. L.R-7(24)/49. May 17, 1949, Gaz of Pak P. I. Sec. 1 May 20, 1949, p. 248.

³ Subs, for "India" by Noti. No. 4R-7(3) 48-III of April 22, 1955, Gaz. of Pak, P. 1, April 29, 1955.

(2) Pithead baths as aforesaid shall be constructed within six months of the coming into force of these rules.

(3) Every pithead bath shall be provided with shower baths on the following scale:-

Category 'A' mine: 10 for men and 4 for women.

Category 'B' mine: 20 for men and 8 for women.

Category 'C' mine: 24 for men and 10 for women.

Category 'D' mine: 40 for men and 16 for women.

4. Standards of construction for pithead baths.- Every pithead bath shall conform to the following standards of construction:-

- (i) It shall be a well-designed and substantially constructed building with separate bath cubicles and ancillary facilities for men and women, so laid out as to provide proper segregation of the sexes.
- (ii) It shall be built in brick-in-cement mortar with a roof of cement concrete or corrugated asbestos cement sheets or tiles or to conform to any other type of prescribed construction.
- (iii) The floors and any interior surfaces of the walls which are liable to become wet shall be cement plastered with special finish or tiles or finished in any other prescribed manner so as to provide an impervious and clean surface, provided that the wall need be so treated only upto a height of six feet from floor level.
- (iv) Each bath cubicle shall be designed for the use of one person at a time only and shall have a floor area of not less than twelve square feet and shall contain a shower bath with proper fittings for turning the water on and off:

Provided that in the case of a pithead bath which was in existence prior to the issue of these rules, the competent authority may permit the continued use of bath cubicles for the use of more than one person if the floor area provided in respect of each shower bath is not less than twelve square feet.

5. Water for pithead baths.- (1) Water shall be provided at a pressure equivalent to a head of not less than ten feet at the shower.

(2) When pit water is used, it shall be treated in the prescribed manner before use.

(3) Proper arrangement shall be made to the satisfaction of the competent authority for the drainage or disposal of used bath water.

6. Lighting.- Every pithead bath shall remain open at all times of the day and night and prescribed provision shall be made for lighting.

7. Attendants.- (1) At every pithead bath the owner shall appoint male attendant and a female attendant to supervise the pithead baths intended for men and women respectively.

(2) Separate rooms shall be provided close to the bathing cubicles for the use of male and female attendants.

8. Locker rooms.- (1) Separate locker rooms for clean and pit clothes and pit clothes respectively shall be provided at each pithead bath with the prescribed type of locker installed for the use of each man and woman entitled to use the bath;

Provided that until such time as the competent authority so directs in writing combined locker and waiting rooms of adequate size may be provided for men and women respectively in lieu of separate locker rooms for clean and pit clothes.

(2) The owner of the mine shall be responsible for the adequate maintenance of locker rooms and shall provide suitable washing arrangements for pit clothes.

(3) Each miner to whom a locker is allotted shall provide his own padlock and key therefor.

(4) The locker room shall be maintained at all times in a clean and sanitary conditions.

9. Sanitary facilities.- (1) Every pithead bath shall be provided with sanitary latrines of the prescribed type on the following scale:-

Category 'A' mine: 4 for men and 2 for women

Category 'B' mine: 6 for men and 3 for women

Category 'C' mine: 8 for men and 4 for women.

Category 'D' mine: 14 for men and 5 for women

(2) Every pithead bath shall be provided with urinals of the prescribed type on the scale of one for every fifty persons employed in mine.

10. Cleanliness.- (1) All bath cubicles, locker rooms, latrines and urinals shall be maintained at all times in a clean and sanitary conditions.

(2) The owner of the mine shall make arrangements for the sale at each pithead of soap and mustard oil at a price not exceeding what the owner has paid therefor.

11. Authority empowered to inspect.- The competent authority shall be responsible for the inspection of the pithead baths and for ensuring that the provisions of these rules are complied with.