

Miners' Accident Relief (Repeal).

1. This Act may be cited as the "Miners' Accident Relief (Repeal) Act, 1916".

2. This Act shall commence on a day to be proclaimed by the Governor.

3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Allowance" means allowance of claim to share in the benefits provided by the Miners' Accident Relief Fund sanctioned prior to the commencement of this Act or sanctioned under this Act in respect of accidents which happened prior to its commencement.

"Miners' Accident Relief Fund" means the Miners' Accident Relief Fund constituted under the enactments hereby repealed.

"Minister" means the Secretary for Mines.

4. The Acts mentioned in the Schedule are hereby repealed.

5. The Miners' Accident Relief Fund is closed, and any securities in which any part of such Fund is invested may be sold or redeemed by the treasurer.

6. There shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund the balance at the credit of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund, and the proceeds of any securities in which such Fund may be invested.

7. All allowances shall, after the commencement of this Act, be charged upon and payments thereout shall be made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Such allowances shall be paid quarterly on the first days of January, April, July, and October.

8. The Minister may from time to time, in accordance with the scheme of the Acts hereby repealed,—

(a) sanction any claims to share in the benefits provided by the Miners' Accident Relief Fund made in respect of accidents which happened prior to the commencement of this Act;

(b) vary the amount or stop the payment of any allowance, or reduce the amount of the same on being satisfied that the person to whom the allowance has been granted so misconducts himself that he should be deprived of the allowance in whole or in part.

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9. Any such allowance shall be in addition to any payment under the rules of any Friendly Society ; and the amount of any such payment shall not be effected by the payment of an allowance under this Act.

10. Where any allowance is payable to any person for or in respect of a child, the Minister may, if he considers that such allowance should not be or is not being properly expended or used by the said person for the benefit of the child, pay such allowance to such other person as he may think fit.

11. Any disposition, transfer, or assignment of the whole or any part of any such allowance shall be null and void.

12. The Government may make regulations,—

- (a) prescribing rules as to the conduct of persons in receipt of allowances ;
- (b) prescribing the duties of officers employed in the administration of this Act, and regulating the performance of their duties and prescribing the security to be given by such officers ;
- (c) providing for all matters of detail not expressly enacted in this Act, and generally for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

13. All such regulations shall be published in the Gazette and laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication if Parliament is sitting, or if Parliament is not sitting, within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.

SCHEDULE.

Number of Act.	Title.
Act No. 42, 1900 ...	Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.
Act No. 71, 1901 .	Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901.
Act No. 13, 1904 ...	Miners' Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904.
Act No. 16, 1910 ...	Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910.
Act No. 69, 1912 ...	Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912.