ACT No. XXIX OF 1937.

[PASSED BY THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE.]

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 3rd December, 1937.)

An Act further to amend the Indian Mines Act, 1923, for certain purposes.

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WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Indian Mines Act, 1923, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

- 1. This Act may be called the Indian Mines (Amend-Shorttitle, ment) Act, 1937.
- 2. In section 2 of the Indian Mines (Amendment) Amendment of Section 2. Act Act, 1936,—

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(a) in sub-section (I), for the words "the following sub-section shall be deemed to be insert-

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- (b) sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

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- 3. In section 9 of the Indian Mines Act, 1923 (hereinaged after referred to as the said Act),—

 Amendment of section 9, Act IV of 1923.
 - (a) to sub-section (1) the following words shall be added, namely:—
 - "and shall not be disclosed to any person other than a Magistrate or an official superior or the owner, agent or manager of the mine concerned, unless the Chief Inspector or the Inspector considers disclosure necessary to ensure the safety of any persons";
 - (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "to any one, other than a Magistrate or an officer to whom he is subordinate" the following words shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "contrary to the provisions of sub-section (1)";

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- (c) in sub-section (3), for the words following the words "under this section" the following words shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "except with the previous sanction of the Central Government".
- Amendment of section 30A of the said Act, for the word "resection 30A of the said Act, for the word "rules" shall be substituted, and for clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "(a) requiring the establishment of central rescue stations for groups of specified mines or for all mines in a specified area, and prescribing how and by whom such stations shall be established;
 - (b) providing for the management of central rescue stations, and regulating the constitution powers and functions of, and the conduct of business by, the authorities (which shall include representatives of the owners and managers of, and of the miners employed in, the mines or groups of mines concerned) charged with such management;
 - (c) prescribing the position, equipment, control, maintenance and functions of central rescue stations;
 - (d) providing for the levy and collection of a duty of excise (at a rate not exceeding six pies per ton) on coke and coal produced in and despatched from mines specified under clause (a) in any group or included under clause (a) in any specified area, the utilisation of the proceeds thereof for the creation of a central rescue station fund for such group or area and the administration of such funds;
 - (e) providing for the formation, training, composition, and duties of rescue brigades; and
 - (f) providing generally for the conduct of rescue work in mines."

Amendment of section 31, Act 1V of 1923. 5. In sub-section (1) of section 31 of the said Act, for the word and figure "and 30" the figures and word "30 and 30A" shall be substituted.

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