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Factories Act, 1948

Section 38 - Precautions in Case of Fire

1[38. Precautions in case of fire

(1) In every factory, all practicable me asures shall he taken t o prevent outbreak of fire and its spread, both internally and externally, and to provide and maintain--

(a) safe me ans of escape for all persons in the event of a fire, and

(b) the necessary equipment and facilities for extinguishing fire.

(2) Effective me asures shall be taken to ensure that in every factory all the workers are familiar with t he me ans of escape in case of fire and have been adequately trained in the routine to be foll o wed in such cases.

(3) The State Government may make rules, in respect of any factory or class or description of factories, requiring the me asures to be adopted to give effect to the provisions of sub-section (1) and (2).

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (a) of sub-section (1) or sub ? section (2), if the Chief Inspector, having regard to the nature of the work carried on in any factory, the construction of such factory, special risk to life or safety, or any other circumstances, is of the opinion that the me asures provided in the factory, whether as prescribed or not, for the purposes of clause (a) of sub-section (1) or sub-section(2) . a re inadequate, he may, by order in writing, require that such additional me asures as he may consider reasonable and necessary, be provided in the factory before such date as is specified in the order.]

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1. Substituted by Act 20 of 1987, section 19, for section 38 (w.e.f. 1-12-1987).

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