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COMPENSATION ACT, 1923
FOR THE YEAR**

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Dated 31st March 1956.

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COMMISSIONER FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION,
MADRAS.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES, LABOUR AND CO-OPERATION,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

[Subject.—Workmen's Compensation Act—Working—Report
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[submit, in duplicate, the report on the working of the Workmen's Compensation
Act, 1923, for the year 1955.]

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION
ACT, 1923, FOR YEAR 1955.

Personnel.—Sri V. Balasundram, I.A.S., continued to be the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, during the period under review. Sri K. Srinivasan, B.A., continued to be Additional Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, throughout the year. The Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Labour also has been appointed as a Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation (Notification No. 903, published at page 1879 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 28th December 1955. Sri K. V. Parthasarathy, M.A., B.L., held the post of Personal Assistant during the year.

Summary of proceedings.—There were 167 cases pending at the commencement of the year 1955. Five hundred and thirty-six cases were filed and 26 were received from the Commissioners of other States for disposal, making a total of 729. Five hundred and seventy-three were disposed of during the year. Fifty-two of the 156 pending cases have since been disposed of.

Details of proceedings—(1) *Award of compensation under section 10.*—There were 66 cases pending at the commencement of the year. Fifty-six relating to death, 62 to permanent disablement and 12 to temporary disablement were filed during the year. Of these 196 cases, 134 were disposed of during the year. Twenty-two of the 62 pending cases have since been disposed of.

(2) *Distribution of compensation under section 8 (1).*—There were 59 cases pending at the beginning of the year. Ninety-eight cases were filed and 25 were received for disposal from the Commissioners of other States during the year. Of these 182 cases, 133 cases were disposed of during the year. Eighteen of the 49 pending cases have since been disposed of. The compensation deposited was distributed to dependants of the deceased workmen in 125 cases, refunded to the depositor in five cases, and transferred to the Commissioners of other States in three cases.

(3) *Deposit in favour of women and persons under legal disability.*—One case was pending at the beginning and 23 were filed and one case was received for disposal from a Commissioner of another State during the year. Seventeen of these 25 cases were disposed of during the year. Five of the eight pending cases have since been disposed of.

(4) *Deposit under section 8 (2).*—Five cases were pending at the commencement of the year and 20 were filed during the year. Of these 25 cases the compensation deposited was distributed to the injured workers in 16 cases and refunded to the depositor in one case. Eight cases were pending at the end of the year.

(5) *Application for indemnification under section 12 (2).*—Six cases were pending at the commencement of the year. Eight cases were filed during the year. Eleven were disposed of and 3 were pending at the end of the year.

(6) *Registration of agreements under section 28.*—Eighteen agreements were pending registration at the beginning of the year. Two hundred and nineteen relating to permanent disablement and 30 relating to temporary disablement were filed during the year. Two hundred and forty-six agreements were registered during the period and in one case registration was refused as unnecessary. Seventeen of the 20 pending agreements have since been registered.

The total amount of compensation paid in respect of 217 agreements relating to permanent disablement registered during the year was Rs. 1,05,145-13-4



(7) *Recovery under section 31.*—Twelve cases were pending at the commencement of the year. Seven applications were received during the year. Thirteen cases were disposed of. In two of these cases, only a portion of the amount awarded could be recovered from the opposite party.

In addition to the above, there were 8 cases in which the Commissioner himself took action for recovery under section 31 of the Workmen's Compensation Act were pending at the commencement of the year. Similar recovery proceedings were taken in eight during the year. Recovery was effected in 2 cases during the year and 14 cases were pending at the end of the year. The award has since been recovered in one case.

(8) *Application for commutation under section 7.*—One application was received and disposed of during the year.

(9) *Inquiry under the Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Money) Rules, 1935.*—Thirteen cases of inquiry were pending at the commencement of the year and 42 were received during the year. Forty-three enquiries were completed during the year. Of the 12 pending enquiries, 2 have since been disposed of.

The total number of cases in which money was transferred to this court for disposal during the year was 11 and the total amount so transferred was Rs. 45,960-13-4.

(10) *Returns under section 16.*—Returns were called for from 9,243 factories and establishments and were received from 5,982 factories and establishments. Fifty-five cases of death, 286 accidents resulting in permanent disablement and 5,105 resulting in temporary disablement were reported in these returns as against 27 cases of death, 141 accidents resulting in permanent disablement and 3,822 resulting in temporary disablement reported during the previous year. The total amount of compensation paid during the year was Rs. 80,590 for death, Rs. 69,713-11-7 for permanent disablement and Rs. 85,594-1-7 for temporary disablement, the figures for the previous year being Rs. 42,040 for death, Rs. 54,035-0-7 for permanent disablement and Rs. 78,737-14-4 for temporary disablement.

A consolidated statement showing the total number of cases of accidents reported and the compensation paid is enclosed.

Twenty-four prosecutions were launched during the year for non-submission of the annual returns against employers. All the 24 cases were disposed of during the year. A sum of Rs. 350 was realized as fines.

(11) *References under section 19.*—Forty-nine references were received from the employers for the Commissioner's opinion as to their liability to pay compensation under the Act. All these references were answered during the year.

(12) *Accidents reported—Fatal.*—One hundred and sixty-four reports and petitions were pending at the beginning of the year. One hundred and eighty were received from employers under section 10 (b) (1) of the Act. One hundred and thirty-six petitions were received from the dependants of the deceased workmen. Of these four hundred and eighty reports and petitions, compensation was paid or awarded in 165 cases, and in 178 cases no compensation was found payable, 137 cases were pending at the close of the year. Twenty of the pending cases have since been disposed of.

(13) *Non-fatal—Accidents reported.*—One hundred and forty-one reports and petitions were pending at the beginning of the year. One thousand four hundred and twenty-eight reports and 164 petitions were received during the year. Compensation was awarded or paid in 329 cases and no compensation was found payable in 29 cases. One thousand two hundred and twenty-nine reports were filed as the injuries sustained by the workmen were minor. One hundred and thirty-two reports were pending at the close of the year. Thirty-two of these have since been disposed of.

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(14) *Accounts.*—The total amount of compensation deposited with this court during the year was Rs. 2,44,288-2-9 as against Rs. 1,83,296-13-9 deposited during the previous year. The statement below shows the opening and closing balance receipts and payments during the year :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Opening balance including miscellaneous receipts ..	1,23,266	5	4
Deposit during the year	2,44,288	2	9
Receipts under the Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Money) Rules	45,960	13	4
Miscellaneous receipts	9,667	12	6
Total receipts ..	4,23,183	1	11
Disbursements including miscellaneous payments ..	2,45,724	11	0
	1,77,458	6	11

Deduct the following deposits taken in the register of receipts but not sent to bank during the year :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Item No. 188, dated 30th December 1955, for ..	1,200	0	0
Item No. 189, dated 31st December 1955, for ..	63	0	0
Item No. 190, dated 31st December 1955, for ..	12	0	0
Total ..	1,275	0	0

Add Payment Order No. 1739, dated 30th December 1955, issued but not presented to bank during the year. 700 0 0

The closing balance agrees with the bank balance of Rs. 1,76,883-6-11.

The compensation allotted to women and persons under legal disability was as usual invested on their behalf in the Post Office Savings Bank for payment to them in instalments. There were 480 Post Office Savings Bank Accounts at the beginning of the year and 104 were opened and 110 were closed during the year. The total value of the securities held by the Commissioner in respect of the 474 accounts remaining open at the close of the year was Rs. 4,63,993-4-3. The total value of the other nine securities held by the Commissioner, i.e., National Savings Certificates, 3½ per cent Ten-Year Treasury Savings Deposit Certificates and 3 per cent Conversion Loan of 1946 Treasury Deposit was Rs. 19,260. Of the 110 accounts closed during the year, 60 were closed for investment of the amount in immovable properties. The total amount so invested was Rs. 79,931-15-6.

The accounts for the year 1954 were audited by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, Madras. No irregularity was pointed out. The accounts for year 1955 have not yet been taken up for audit.

(15) *Appeals.*—There were fourteen appeals pending in the High Court of Judicature at Madras at the beginning of the year. Seven were filed during the year. Eleven of the twenty-one appeals were disposed of during the year.

V. BALASUNDRAM,
Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation

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Return A.—Proceedings before the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Madras, for the year ending 31st December 1955.

Application for the registration of agreement should not be entered in this statement.

A separate case should be entered for proceeding under section 8 or section 10 in respect of each person killed or injured, as the case may be.

Cases of.	Cases disposed of without notice to the other party.										Cases disposed of with notice to the other party.		Total disposed of.	Pending at conclusion.	Court-fee paid.				
	Non-contested.					Contested.													
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
	Pending at the commencement.	Filled.	Received from other Commissioners.	Transferred to other Commissioners for disposal.	Withdrawn.	Dismissed for non-appearance.	Summarily dismissed under rule 24.	Dismissed under rule 25.	Total.	Admitted by opposite party.	Admitted ex parte.	Total.	Allowed.	Allowed in part.	Dismissed.	Total.			
Award of compensation (under section 10)—																			
(1) Fatal accident	41	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	24	34	70	27 (a)	334 12 0	RS. A. P.
(2) Permanent disablement	25	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	15	28	56	31 (b)	150 2 0	
(3) Temporary disablement	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	8	4	4 0 0	
Total	66	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	39	62	134	62	488 14 0	
(1) Commutation (under section 7)	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	0 8 0	
(2) Review (under section 6)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
(3) Recovery of compensation (under section 31).	12	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	13	..	..	..	..	13	6	5 12 0
(4) Proceedings other than those mentioned above and not included below under "Deposit under section 8".	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	7	11	11	3	44 8 0
Total	18	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	13	5	..	7	12	25	9	50 12 0
Deposit (under section 8)—																			
(1) Fatal accident's [sub-section (1)]	59	98	25	3	..	..	..	..	125	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	183	49 (c)	153 12 0
(2) Disablement of women and persons under legal disability [sub-section (1)]	1	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	8 (d)	..
(3) Others [sub-section (2)]	5	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	17	8	6 0 0
Total	65	141	26	3	..	..	..	..	158	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	167	65	159 12 0

Distributed to the dependants or the workmen, as the case may be.

(c) Eighteen since disposed of.

(b) Twelve since disposed of.

(d) Five since disposed of.

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Return B.—Registration of agreements by the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Madras, for the year ending 31st December 1955.

Application for registration of agreement relating to	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	Not registered due to		(8)	(9)	(10)
					Inadequacy of the amount.	Other causes.			
(1)	Pending at commencement.	Filed.	Registered as filed.	Registered after modification.			Total disposed of.	Pending.	
Payment of compensation for permanent disablement.	16	219	217	..	1	..	218	17 (e)	
Payment of compensation for temporary disablement.	2	30	29	..	..	..	29	3 (f)	
Commutation of half-monthly payments.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total	18	249	246	..	1	..	247	20	..

(e) Fourteen since disposed of.

(f) Three since disposed of.

Return C.—Proceedings before the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation Madras, for the year ending 31st December 1955.

Number of adults in each wage class to whom or in respect of whose death compensation was awarded or disbursed (cases of review and commutation and cases relating to minors excluded).

Monthly wages of the workmen injured.	Number of workmen.						Total.	
	Temporary disablement.		Permanent disablement.		Fatal accidents.		Men.	Women.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.		
More than 300 rupees.	..	..	..	..	9	6	9	6
250	..	..	3	2	2	..	5	2
200	..	..	..	..	6	1	6	1
150	..	1	..	1	3	2	3	4
100	..	..	..	1	4	2	4	3
75	..	2	3	1	4	..	7	3
50	1	..	2	1	17	1	20	2
25	2	..	4	1	9	..	15	5
15	..	4	3	3	13	2	16	5
10	..	..	7	..	7	..	14	..
5	..	..	2	1	15	..	18	1
..	1	..	7	..	13	..	23	..
..	3	..	4	..	5	..	11	..
..	2	..	1	1	11	..	12	1
..	..	..	1	..	12	..	13	..
..	..	..	1	..	9	..	11	..
..	1	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	10	7	38	12	143	14	161	..

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Return C.—Proceedings before the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Madras, for the year ending 31st December 1955—*cont.*

Number of adults in each wage class to whom compensation was disbursed by the employers and the memorandum of agreement registered under section 28 of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Monthly wages of the workmen injured.	Number of workmen.				Total.	
	Temporary disablement.		Permanent disablement.		Men.	Women.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.		
0	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	..	..	..	..	..	..
21	..	1	1	..	1	1
24	..	1	4	..	4	1
27	..	2	6	..	6	2
30	..	5	3	..	3	5
35	..	5	21	..	21	5
40	..	2	21	..	21	2
45	..	..	11	..	11	..
50	..	..	5	..	5	..
60	..	..	28	..	28	..
70	..	1	15	..	15	1
80	..	7	30	..	30	7
100	..	5	38	..	38	5
200	..	..	32	..	32	..
300	..	..	2	..	2	..
Total	29	217	217	29	217	29

Return D.—Consolidated statement showing the number of accidents and compensation paid as reported by employers.

(4)

Establishment (1)	Number employed. (2)	Number resulting in				Amounts paid for			
		Death. (3)	Permanent disablement. (4)	Temporary disablement. (5)	Death. (6)	Permanent disablement. (7)	Temporary disablement. (8)	ES.	A. P.
1 Factories ..	305,722 3,863	21	116	3,978	25,330	47,198	58,527	9	4
2 Mines ..	8,190 222	2	6	180	1,620	1,663	3,563	14	0
3 Tramways ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	10	0
4 Ports and docks ..	3,807	2	127	403	3,900	8,627	11,168	6	6
5 Building and construction ..	13,979 3,063	..	3	31	..	470	599	12	9
6 Plantations ..	70,267 1,317	3	10	294	2,360	6,007	6,378	4	6
7 Local Boards and Municipalities ..	1,568 55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	403,533 8,521	28	262	4,886	33,210	63,967	80,237	15	1
8 Miscellaneous—									
(i) Fire brigades ..	1,891	..	1	..	..	441	..	0	0
(ii) Manufacturing and handling of explosives ..	9,483 813	1	4	61	3,000	1,253	1,817	0	0

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FOR THE YEAR 1955.

Return D.—Consolidated statement showing the number of accidents and compensation paid as reported by employers—cont.

Establishments. (1)	Number employed. (2)	Number resulting in		Amounts paid for			
		Death. (3)	Permanent disablement. (4)	Temporary disablement. (5)	Death. (6) RS. A. P.	Permanent disablement. (7) RS. A. P.	Temporary disablement. (8) RS. A. P.
8 Miscellaneous—cont.							
(iii) Generation, transformation and distribution of electricity.	25,797	24	19	80	40,180 0 0	4,052 7 9	2,407 8 0
(iv) Cinematography	267	..	..	..	..	..	..
(v) Lighthouse	2,662	2	..	51	4,200 0 0	..	621 13 0
(vi) Motor transport	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
(vii) Others	156	..	..	4	..	..	200 5 6
(viii) Institutions engaged in the process of handling of and manipulation of radio or X-ray appa- ratus or contact with radio active service.	116	..	..	20	..	..	293 4 0
	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
	125	..	..	..	..	..	..
	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
	363	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous total	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
	40,593	27	24	216	47,380 0 0	5,746 7 9	5,340 8 6
	1,111	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand total	444,126	55	286	5,102	80,530 0 0	69,713 11 7	85,578 7 7
	9,632	..	..	3	..	..	16 10 0



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G.O. No. 1624, 18th April 1956

Acts—Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923—Working—Report for the year 1955—Recorded.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter from the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, dated 31st March 1956, No. Pdl. W.C. 74/56.

Order—No. 1624, Industries, Labour and Co-operation, dated 18th April 1956.

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(By order of the Governor)

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To the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Madras.
" Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Labour, New Delhi.
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