

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH CONFERENCE ON SAFETY IN MINES

(Held in Calcutta – 24th December, 1978)

This conference was held in the normal course and not immediately after a big disaster as was the case with the previous three conferences which were held respectively after the Chinakuri, Dhori and Jeetpur explosions. This was appreciated by the members but they felt that the agenda was too heavy for one day programme, and some of the important members left the conference in protest. The other members then discussed in a general way the following suggestions of the Polish and I.L.O. experts:

- (i) The statute should be made rigorous with a view to achieving higher standards of safety.
- (ii) Mine management should develop their own Internal Safety organisation which should be placed directly under the charge of the Managing Director.
- (iii) New strategies should be planned to achieve the goal of reaching Zero Accident Potential (ZAP).
- (iv) A Training College should be developed to train up surveyors, engineers, ventilation officers, safety officers etc.

