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RESOLUTION

1.0 Introduction:

The Government of India, in the Ministry of Steel, has considered proposal to establish a specialised self-regulating industry body to ensure effective implementation of safety standards across the steel value chain. Consultations with industry has also been held on various occasions and industry has welcomed the idea.

Accordingly, to ensure proper implementation of various aspects of safety in the Steel Industry the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, has decided to set up a Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC).

2.0 Steel Industry Safety Council:

2.1 Constitution:

In order to ensure proper implementation of safety standards across the steel value chain, the Government of India has decided to establish a Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC) at the apex level under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel.

The Steel Industry Safety Council shall be headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Steel as Chairman and shall comprise:

- Additional Secretary/Joint Secretaries of the Ministry of Steel
- CMDs/Chief Executives of Integrated Steel Producers
- DGMS or his representative
- Chief Controller of Explosives, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)
- Representative of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- Director, National Institute of Secondary Steel Technology (NISST) or another recognised Steel Technology Institute

2.2 Functions & Responsibilities:

- (i) Assess the safety situation in steel industry and get studies conducted for improving safety standards, safety practices or other related aspects.
- (ii) Approve industry safety standards, recommended practices and guidelines for the steel sector.
- (iii) Review serious accidents, accidents and near-miss incidents in steel sector.

- (iv) Give directions through Steel Industry Safety Directorate to take up measures to prevent accidents and improve safety situation.
- (v) Review safety awareness and training programmes in the steel industry and give directions to improve the same.
- (vi) Direct Steel Industry Safety Directorate to conduct investigations into serious safety incidents and present its reports to the Council.
- (vii) Take any other action and issue directions to improve safety and prevent accidents in the steel industry.

3.0 Steel Industry Safety Directorate:

- 3.1 The Steel Industry Safety Council shall be assisted by a Steel Industry Safety Directorate (SISD). The Directorate shall possess expertise in process safety, blast furnaces, steel melting, rolling mills, coke ovens, refractory systems, electrical safety, mechanical integrity, occupational health, fire engineering, disaster management and related subjects.

3.2 Constitution:

The Directorate will be headed by the Director, Steel Industry Safety Directorate. A serving or retired officer of the Government of India in the rank of Joint Secretary to Govt. of India or Director of a Steel CPSE may be appointed as Director of Steel Industry Safety Directorate on deputation / short-term contract basis.

Other personnel of Directorate will be hired on deputation / short-term contract basis. The number of posts will be decided by Steel Industry Safety Council.

3.3 Functions and Responsibilities:

The Directorate shall:

- (i) Oversee implementation of all decisions of the Council.
- (ii) Keep abreast of international developments and develop standards suitable for Indian conditions.
- (iii) Carry out periodic safety audits and reviews.
- (iv) Collect and disseminate accident and near-miss information.
- (v) Conduct investigations into serious accidents.
- (vi) Review disaster management and emergency preparedness.
- (vii) Review safety training programmes.
- (viii) Issue Steel Industry Safety Standards, Recommended Practices and Guidelines.
- (ix) Carry out other actions related to promoting safety in steel sector.

4.0 Powers:

The Directorate shall have authority to requisition technical experts for safety audits, investigations, inspections, and development of standards, and may recommend time-bound implementation of safety measures wherever significant deficiencies are observed.

5.0 Jurisdiction:

Steel Industry Safety Directorate (SISD) will have jurisdiction over primary and secondary steel and iron producers in the country, as well as mines of CPSEs under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel.

6.0 Relationship with Statutory Authorities:

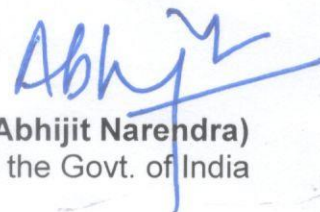
The Steel Industry Safety Council and Directorate shall not diminish or interfere with the statutory responsibilities of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), State Factory Inspectorates, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) / State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), or any other Statutory Authority. Responsibility for safe operations shall continue to rest with the management of individual steel companies.

7.0 Funding:

The expenditure on the Directorate shall be met through budgetary support or grants from the Steel Development Fund or contributions from steel companies. Expenditure on deputed personnel and special studies may be borne by the concerned organisations.

8.0 Secretariat:

The Directorate shall function as the technical secretariat of the Council, prepare agendas and minutes, monitor implementation of decisions, coordinate expert committees, publish Steel Industry Safety Standards, maintain a national safety database, and organise capacity-building programmes.



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