

ILLITERATE AND UNTRAINED COAL MINE WORKERS IN BALOCHSITAN

A case study of Mach coal fields

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Abstract.

Educated workers are more aware of their rights, the workers in all fields must be educated in order to know their basic rights, it is noticed that in developing countries where literacy rate is low, the workers' rights are violated in all fields, according to the article 26 of 1948 the UDHR (universal Declaration of Human Rights) which states "every citizen has the rights to education"

The workers and their families do not have access to the education even they do not get the basic education, the reason behind this is that there are no educational institutes nearby the coal fields not even educational institutes the other basic departments are also not available near their living areas. The laws regarding the workers wellbeing or the mine act 1923 must be implemented in its all shapes in order to protect the

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workers" rights, the safe and healthy mining in Balochistan requires educated workers because in Balochistan the accidents ratio in the coal mine fields is very much high the only factor which can reduce the hazards or negative impacts from coal mining that is education especially in the areas like Mach coal fields, in the field of mining the workers training plays vital role in the production and also in safe mining, the workers at Mach coal field lack both because both skills are interdependent on each other, in Pakistan the existing laws hold primary rules for open and underground coal mining the rules or laws must be able to explain the other necessary aspects such as health, security, safety , protection and prevention plans for emergency situation , the workers must have education related to explosive detonators, the awareness and training regarding the unused or closed mines, education regarding usage of first aid.

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