

Allah will not change the state of a nation, unless they first bring about the change within themselves

Al Quran (Sura Al Ra'ad, Ayat 11)

PAKISTAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, LEGISLATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES.

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Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997 – PEP Act <u>Definitions of some important Terms.</u>

- Pakistan Environmental Protection Council
- Council established under PEP Act
- 35 Federal Representatives
- Chairperson Prime Minister
- Chief Ministers,
- Federal Ministers and Government functionaries

Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997 – PEP Act <u>Definitions of some important Terms.</u>

- non-officials members- inter alia:
- Chamber of Commerce and Industries
- Chamber of Agriculture
- Industrial Associations
- Trade Unions
- Perhaps it is not mandatory to have representative of Industrialists & PEC

Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency

- An agency established under PEP Act to:
- exercise powers and perform the functions assigned to it under the PEP Act,
- Headed by Director General,
- Has sectoral Advisory Committees
- Generally It has a balanced composition, including PEC,CCI, Trade Unions and Active Environmental NGOs.

Provincial Environmental Protection Agency

- An agency Established under PEP Act.
- Headed by Director General.
- For the assistance of Provincial Agency,
- Sectoral Advisory Committees,
- from various sectors,
- including NGOs from various sectors,

Environmental Tribunal

- Means Environmental Tribunal constituted
- To try violators of the provisions of the Environmental Act.
- These will have specified jurisdiction,
- can proceed
- Under Pakistan Penal Code,
- with powers equivalent to Session Court.

Emission Standards

- The permissible standards
- Established by the Federal Agency
- or a Provincial Agency
- for the Emission of:
- Air Pollutants,
- Noise,
- and for discharge of Effluent Waste

Hazardous substance

- A substance or mixture of substances,
- Which, by reason of its:
- Chemical activity,
- Toxic, Explosive, Flammable, other characteristics,
- Causes, or is likely to cause an adverse environmental effect

Adverse Environmental Effect

- Impairment of,
- Damage to the Environment. Includes:
- impairment of, or damage to,
- Human health and safety;
- Biodiversity,
- Property, Pollution;
- Any other adverse environmental effect

WASTE

- Any substance or object
- to be discarded or disposed of; Includes:
 Solid, Liquid, Gases waste,
- Industrial, Agricultural waste,
- Municipal, Hospital waste,
- Used polyethylene bags,
- Incineration Residue

Hazardous Waste

- Waste which is or which contains:
- A hazardous substance,
- or which may be prescribed as
- hazardous waste,
- And includes hospital waste
- And nuclear waste

Industrial Activity

- Any operation or Process for:
- Manufacturing,
- Making,
- Formulating,
- And all activities concerning:
- Industrial or
- Commercial purpose

Industrial Waste

Waste resulting from an industrial activity

Agricultural Waste

- Waste from:
- Farm and agricultural activities,
- Use of fertilizers,
- Pesticides etc

Hospital Waste

- Waste from Medical supplies
- Materials of all kinds,
- Waste blood,
- Tissue, Organs,
- From Hospitals,
- Clinics and Laboratories Waste

Municipal Waste –

- Sewage, Refuse, Garbage,
- and Waste from abattoirs, Sludge,
- Human excreta and the like.
- Nuclear Waste means:
- Waste from nuclear reactor, or a nuclear plant, or any other nuclear Energy system, whether or not, such waste is radioactive

EFFLUENT

- Any material in Solid, Liquid or Gaseous
- form Discharged from
- Industrial activity –
- slurry,
- suspension
- or vapour

Adverse Environmental Effect

- Impairment of Damage to the Environment.
- It Includes:
- Impairment of,
- Damage to, Human health and safety,
- Biodiversity,
- Property.

Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (OHSE)

- Are multi faceted disciplines.
- These are concerned to:
- Improving,
- Preserving,
- Protecting Health,
- Safety of the worker or an employee,
- and the environment of the work place.

(Definition - 1950 to 1995)

Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (OHSE)

- an "Occupational health should aim at: the promotion and maintenance of the highest degree of physical, mental and social wellbeing of workers in all occupations;
- the prevention amongst workers of departures from health caused by their working conditions;

<u> 1995 – WHO - ILO</u>

Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (OHSE)

- The protection of workers in their employment from risks resulting from factors adverse to health;
- The placing and maintenance of the worker in an occupational environment adapted to his physiological and psychological capabilities;
- To summarize, the adaptation of work to man and of each man to his job."

1995 - WHO - ILO

General Position of OHSE

- WHO estimates only 05- 10 % workers of Developing countries;
- 20 50% workers of the industrialized countries have access to basic standars of occupational Health Services (OHS).
- Averagely, 10-15 % workers are said to have access to basic standars of occupational Health Services (OHS).

General Position of OHSE

- ILO and WHO report, that due to
- Avoidable fatal or major or minor accidents,
- Injuries,
- The lay off of the workers;
- There is a loss of 04-05 % of GDP;
- 02.00 million work-related deaths in 2000.

Why Legislation (s)?

- The major reasons for setting comprehensive and compact policies and regulations for OHSE,
- Are the laws of the land, religious ethics, cultural compulsions;
- Extra Economic and social security burden on the state, industrialists, entrepreneurs.

Why Legislation (s)?

- The social aspect is the
- Partial or complete incapacitation of the worker.
- In our country ruining the whole family.
 Because ,
- In our country one person supports avergely ten family members.

Advantages Of having OSHE Law

- It is the funbdamental right of every citizen, to have
- A very safe and
- Healthy working place
- and environment.

Advantages Of having OSHE Law

- Comprehensive and compact law (s) will result in the better understanding:
- Between worker or the working organizations,
- The unions / assoicviations;
- The state, enterpirze,
- entrepreneur
- and the employers.

Advantages Of having OSHE Law

- This will be symbiotic.
- Benefits:
- Worker with maintenece of their health;
- The organization or the entrepreneur with more economical improved and quality production;
- because workers will be regular
- and there will less <u>loss /wastage</u>.

Implementation /enforcement of OHSE laws

- Pakistan is not lagging behind in the implementation /enforcement of OHSE laws. OHSE legislations, regulation in Developing countries, are the not so old.
- Eurpoen Agency for Safety and Health at work place was founded in 1996.
- In United Kingdom Health and Safety Act was enacted in 1974.

Implementation /enforcement of OHSE laws

- In United Sates of America Occupational Safet and Health Act was enacted in 1970.
- In 1978, through an act of parliament, Canada created / established "Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and safety".

CONCEPT OF OHSE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LAWS TO ADDRESS OHSE

- These are sets of basic principles,
- to be followed,
- both by the employees
- and employers
- to help ensure a safe working environment.

CONCEPT OF OHSE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LAWS TO ADDRESS OHSE

- Occupational Safety and Health Act 1970 – USA
- Occupational Safety at Work Act 1970 – Indonesia
- Health and Safety at Work
 Act 1974 UK
- Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 – Malaysia

AREAS – FIELDS OF OHSE LAWS

- Ergonomics
- Participatory Ergonomics
- Hazard Analysis
- Hazop

- Industrial Hygiene,
- Process Safety Management,
- Psychology
- Toxicology

- Definitions of some new terminology:
- Ergonomics
- A branch of science, dealing with the
- design of equipment intended to
- maximize productivity
- by reducing operator fatigue and discomfort.

Definitions of some new terminology:

- Participatory Ergonomics
- Are the programs based on the
- knowledge and the expertize of employee
- for the maximum involvement
- of employees / co-worker workers.

- Participatory Ergonomics
- Programme(s) generally result in improved:
- Procutivity,
- Quality of Work /Product,
- Morale, Safety and Comfort,
- Working Conditions

- HAZOP
- Stands for:
- Hazard and Operability Hazard and Operability Study.
- Hazard Operational Analysis.
- Hazards and Operability Analysis –
- Hazards Analysis Technique for systems, hardware, procedures

- HAZOP
- Started in 1974 after an explosion in a
- Chemical Plant in Flixborough, UK in 1974,
- killing 28 people.
- Reason diagonized was lack of a systematic review of modifications.
- Mostly concerned to Petroleum / Oil industry

Government Organizations In Developed Countries Looking After OSHE

- Australian Safety and Compensation Council,
- Canadian Centyre for Occupational Health and Safety,
- European Agency for Safety and Health at Work,
- Health and Safety Executive UK,

Government Organizations In Developed Countries Looking After OSHE

- InternationalLabour Organization
 - United Nations,
- National Institute for Occupational Safetyand Health- US,
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration - US

Initiatives of the World Health Assembly

 By a resolution in April, 2007, the Fortyninth World Health Assembly endorsed WHO's global strategy for occupational health for all; and urged Member States; to devise national programmes on occupational health programmes for all workers, and particularly for high-risk sectors, vulnerable groups and underserved populations.

- To devise and implement policy instruments on workers' health.
- To protect and promote health at the workplace.

- To improve the performance of and access to occupational health services.
- to provide and communicate evidence for action and practice.
- To incorporate workers' health into other policies.

- A well-coordinated effort of society as a whole, under government leadership and with substantial participation of workers and employers.
- A combination of actions, adapted to national specificities and priorities, to meet the abovementioned objectives.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

 Establishment of a network of Collaborating Centers for Occupational Health and in partnership with other intergovernmental and international organizations; to implement this plan of action by:

- 1. Providing leadership to international efforts on workers' health,
- 2. Engaging in partnership and joint action where necessary with ILO
- 3. And other organizations of the United Nations system,

- 4. Organizations of employers, trade unions and other stakeholders in civil society and the private sector;
- 5. Setting standards for protection of workers' health, providing guidelines, promoting and monitoring their use, and contributing to the adoption and implementation of international labour conventions;

- Articulating policy options for framing national agendas for workers' health based on best practices and evidence;
- 7. Providing technical support for tackling the specific health needs of working populations and building core institutional capacities for action on workers' health;

- 8. Monitoring and addressing trends in workers' health;
- Establishing appropriate scientific and advisory mechanisms to facilitate action on workers' health at global and regional levels.
- 10. Progress in implementing the plan of action will be reviewed and monitored using a set of national and international indicators of achievement.