

THE MINES ACT, 1952

- The Mines Act was first enacted in 1901. Mining, from antiquity has been regarded as a hazardous activity. Much of the problems in mining work are due to dust, which invariably contains silica. The difficulty in dust suppression and the inhalation of the same lead to development of Silicosis, and other pneumoconiosis. Silica is classified as a toxic dust and the resulting pneumoconiosis predisposes to the development of tuberculosis.