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खान सुरक्षा महानिदेशालय / Directorate General of Mines Safety



No. DGMS (Legis) Circular No. 04 of 2026

Dhanbad, dated 27 /08/2026

To,

All Owners, Agents and Managers of Coal, Metalliferous and Oil Mines.

Subject: Gazette notifications on standards for apparatus and equipment to be provided and maintained at Rescue Stations and Rescue Rooms; procedures for testing breathing and resuscitating apparatus, flow meters and oxygen purity, standards for initial and refresher training and practices for rescue-trained persons, medical examination of persons selected for rescue and recovery training etc. under different provisions of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rule, 2026.

Sir,

The Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (37 of 2020), appointed the 21st day of November, 2025 as the date on which the provisions of the said Code, have come into force [S.O. 5321(E)] and subsequently Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026 come into force with effect from 08.05.2026. As required under Rule 131(1), Rule 131(2), Rule 131(5), Rule 131(6) & (7), Rule 152(3), Rule 141(1), Rule 141(2) and Rule 140(3) of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026 following Gazette notifications on respective subject has been made and the said notifications also have been uploaded on DGMS official website, i.e. www.dgms.gov.in for information and strict compliance:

Sl. No.	Gazette Notification No.	Subject	Published in Gazette of India	Date of publication
1.	G.S.R. 571(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the minimum number of apparatus and equipment to be provided and maintained at Rescue Station and Rescue Room for immediate use.	Rule 131(1) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026
2.	G.S.R. 572(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the apparatus and equipment to be provided and maintained at the entrance of a belowground mine, where no rescue room is located.	Rule 131(2) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026

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3.	G.S.R. 573(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the procedure of testing of breathing and resuscitating apparatus, flow meters provided in rescue stations and rescue rooms, and purity of oxygen for use in breathing apparatus.	Rule 131(5) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026
4.	G.S.R. 574(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the Form for reporting accidents in a below ground mine, rescue station or rescue room arising out of the use of any rescue apparatus.	Rule 131(6) & (7) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026
5.	G.S.R. 575(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the code of signals to be used by rescue trained persons for communication while using breathing apparatus	Rule 152(3) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026
6.	G.S.R. 576(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the courses of instructions and practices for initial training in rescue and recovery work	Rule 141(1) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026
7.	G.S.R. 577(E)	Gazette notification of standards specify the courses of instructions and practices for rescue trained persons	Rule 141(2) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026
8.	G.S.R. 578(E)	Gazette notification of medical examination for persons selected for undergoing training in rescue and recovery work, and the format for medical certificate and report	Rule 140(3) of OSHWC (Central) Rule, 2026	1st July, 2026


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