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COMPENSATION COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1985

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 1985.

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to repeal the provisions of the Compensation Court Act, 1984, relating to the appointment and functions of commissioners of the Compensation Court ("the Court") (Schedule 1 (3) and (9));
 - (b) to enact provisions as a consequence of, and in connection with, the enactment of the Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1985, and, in particular, as a consequence of—
 - (i) the proposed appointment under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, of commissioners of the Court; and
 - (ii) the transfer of certain functions of the Court to the commissioners;
 - (c) to provide that a plea of issue estoppel is not available in any court in respect of a matter decided by a commissioner of the Court (Schedule 1 (6) (f));
 - (d) to provide that regulations made under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, in relation to proceedings under that Act prevail over any rules of the Court to the extent of any inconsistency (Schedule 1 (17) (b)); and
 - (e) to make other provisions of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.
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