



# Mines and Quarries Act 1954

## CHAPTER 70

### MINES AND QUARRIES ACT 1954

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- 11 Surveyors.

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- 27 .....
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- 29 .....

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