



# Coal Act 1938

1938 CHAPTER 52

## PART IV

### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### **53 Prevention of disclosure of information**

Any person who discloses any information obtained by him in the exercise of powers conferred upon him by section fourteen or section forty-eight of this Act shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine :

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the disclosure of any information in so far as it is required to be published or disclosed for the purposes of the performance of functions to be performed under or by virtue of this Act by the Board of Trade, the Commission, the Central Valuation Board, a referee appointed under the Third Schedule to this Act, or a Regional Valuation Board, or for the purposes of any legal proceedings (including arbitrations), or in so far as it may be contained in any scheme submitted under section, thirteen of the Coal Mines Act, 1930.