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# Indian Standard

# SPECIFICATION FOR POWRAHS

( Second Revision )

1. Scope — Covers the requirements for the following types of *powrahs* intended for general use, supplied in the hardened or unhardened conditions:

Powrah Designation	Figure
West India <i>Powrah</i> 1.6 kg	1
Agri Powrah 1.4 kg, 1.6 kg and 1.8 kg	2A, 2B and 2C
East India Powrah 1.8 kg	3
Bombay Powrah 1:2 kg and 1:4 kg	4A and 4B
Half Moon Powrah 1.4 kg	5
Mysore Powrah (Bent Neck ) 1.6 kg	6 <b>A</b>
Mysore Powrah 1.8 kg	6B
Swan neck Powrah 1.8 kg	7
Button head <i>Powrah</i> 1'8 kg	8
Kahi Powrah 2:2 kg	9A and 9B
Tanged <i>Powrah</i> 1.6 kg	10

## 2. Shapes and Dimensions

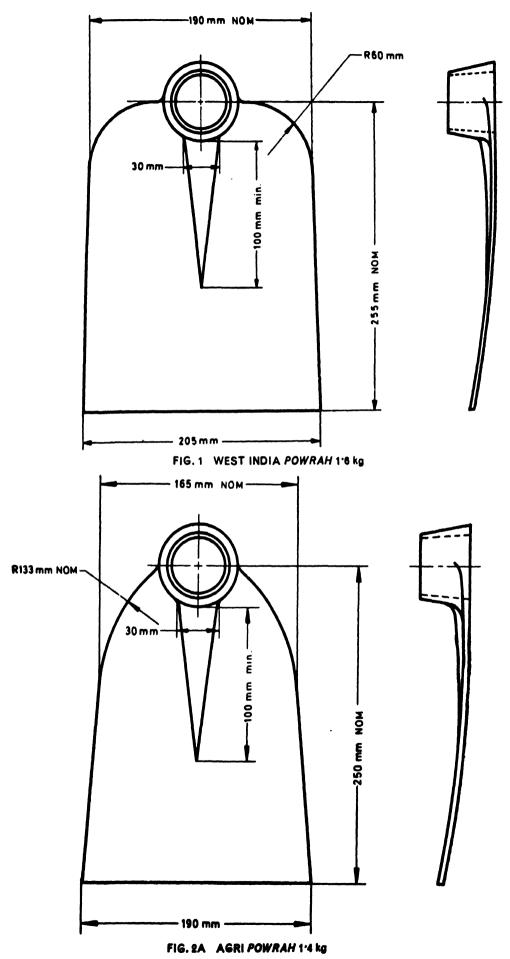
- 2.1 The general shapes of powrahs shall be as shown in Fig. 1 to 10. The dimensions of the different types of powrahs shall be as indicated on the respective figures.
- 2.1.1 The shape and dimensions of the eye of the powrahs (except Kahi Powrah which shall be as shown in Fig. 9A and 9B) shall be as given in Fig. 11. The manufacturer may have the option to make the eye slightly oval in which case major axis of the eye shall be along the longitudinal section of the implement and shall not be larger than the minor axis by more than 5 mm.
- 2.2 If handles are required to be supplied, they shall form a separate item in the enquiry and order. They shall be shaped before fitting to suit the eyes of the *powrahs*. Their shape and dimensions shall be as given in Fig. 12 except that the head portion of the handle should match with the type of eye, round or oval.
- 2.3 The thickness of the *powrahs* is measured at three places about 25 mm away from the side edges and about 50 mm from the working edge. The average value of these readings which are for the guidance of the manufacturers may be as follows:

Designation	Blade Thickness
West India <i>Powrah</i> 1.6 kg	3·25 mm
Agri Powrah 1.4 kg	3:00 mm
Agri Powrah 1:6 kg	3·25 mm
Agri Powrah 1.8 kg	3:50 mm
East India Powrah 1.8 kg	3 <sup>.</sup> 25 mm
Bombay Powrah 1.2 kg	2:25 mm
Bombay Powrah 1:4 kg	2 50 mm
Half Moon <i>Powrah</i> 1.4 kg	2·50 mm
Mysore Powrah (Bent Neck) 1.6 kg	2 50 mm
Mysore <i>Powrah</i> 1.8 kg	3:00 mm
Swan neck <i>Powrah</i> 1.8 kg	2·50 mm
Button head <i>Powrah</i> 1.8 kg	3:00 mm
Tanged Powrah 1:6 kg	3:00 m <b>m</b>
Kahi <i>Powrah</i> 2.2 kg	2:50 mm

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# AMENDMENT NO. 1 APRIL 2001 TO IS 1759: 1986 SPECIFICATION FOR *POWRAHS*

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( Pages 2 and 3, Fig. 2A, 2B and 2C ) — Substitute the following for the existing figures:

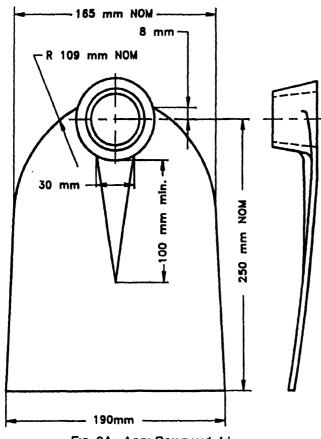


FIG. 2A AGRI POWRAH 1.4 kg

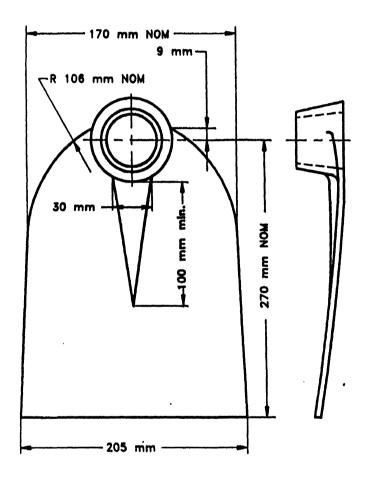


Fig. 2B Agri Powrah 1.6 kg

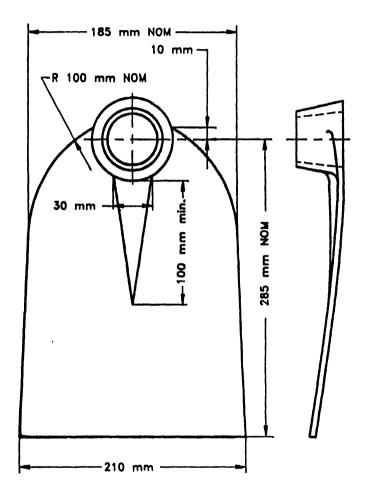


Fig. 2C Agri Powrah 1.8 kg

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( Page 12, clause 2.4.1, second sentence ) — Substitute the following for the existing:

'Tolerance on other dimensions shall be ±6 mm.'

( Page 12, clause 8) — Substitute the following for the existing:

**'8. Designation** — *Powrahs* shall be designated by the commonly used name, nominal mass and heat treatment condition of the blade.

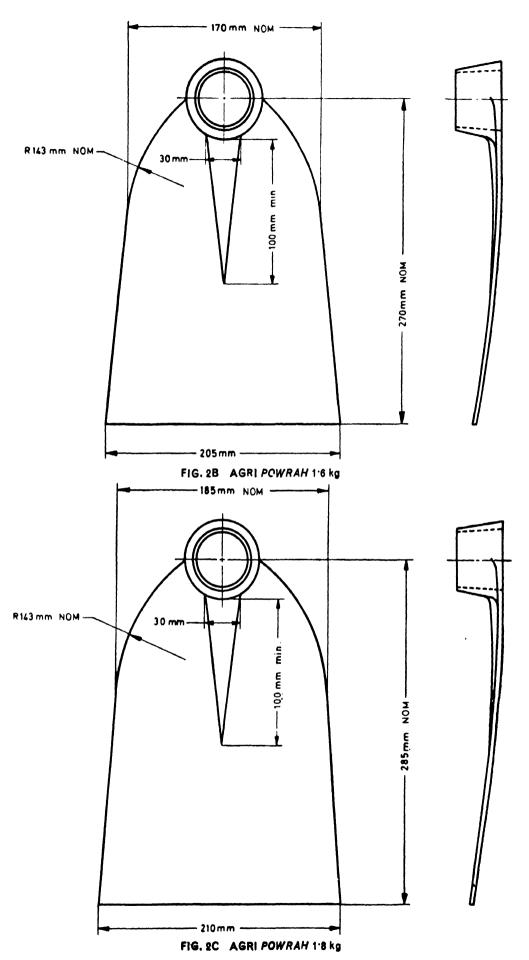
Example — Agri Powrah of nominal mass 1.8 kg partially hardened may be designated as:

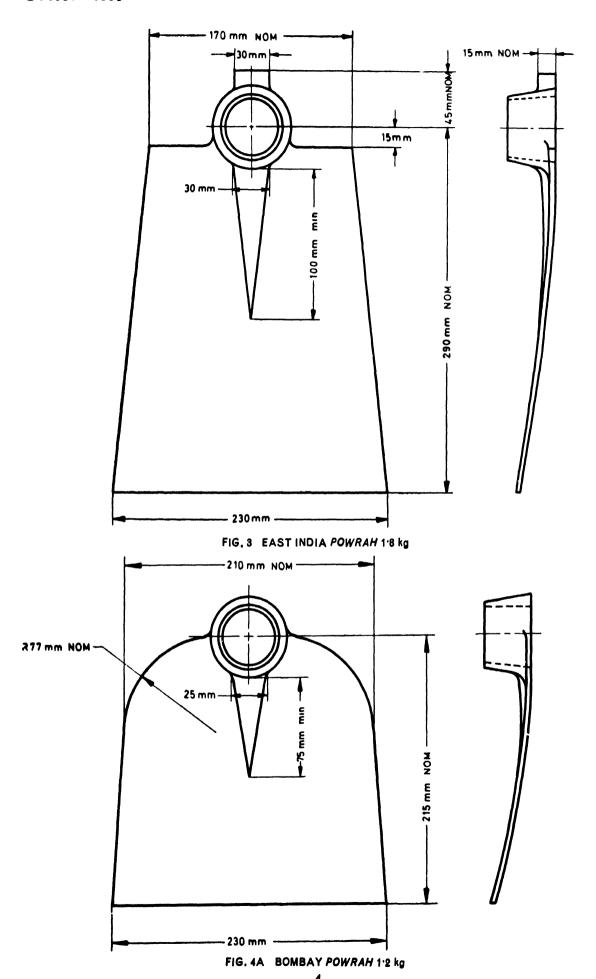
Agri Powrah 1.8 kg Partially hardened IS 1759'

( Page 13, clause 14) — Substitute the following for the existing:

'14. Marking — Each powrah shall be clearly, legibly and indelibly marked with its nominal mass, the manufacturer's name, initials and/or recognised trade-mark and the heat treatment condition of the blade. In case of unhardened powrah, the heat treatment conditions need not be marked.'

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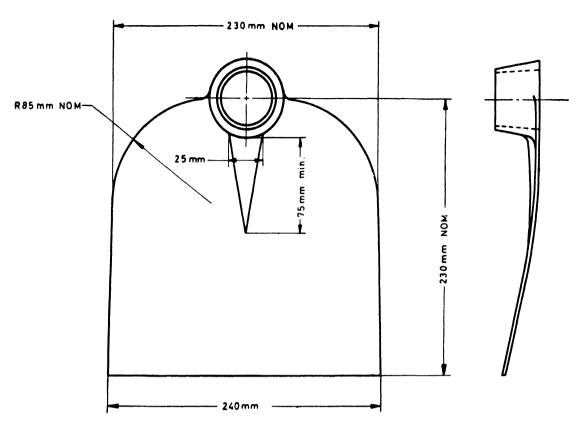


FIG. 4B BOMBAY POWRAH 1.4 kg

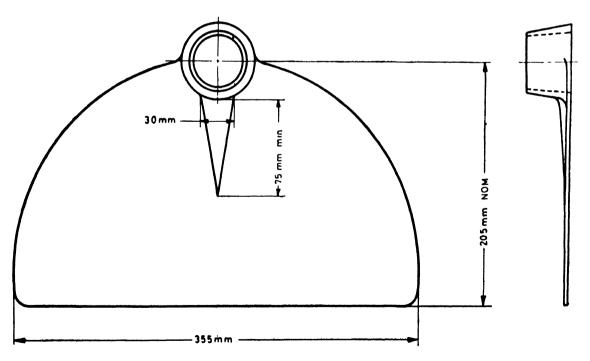
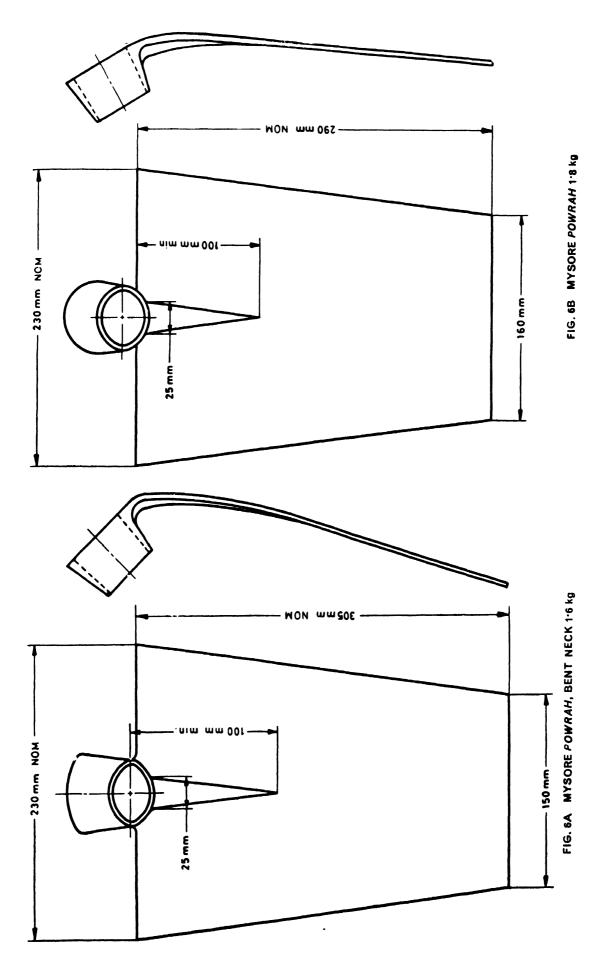
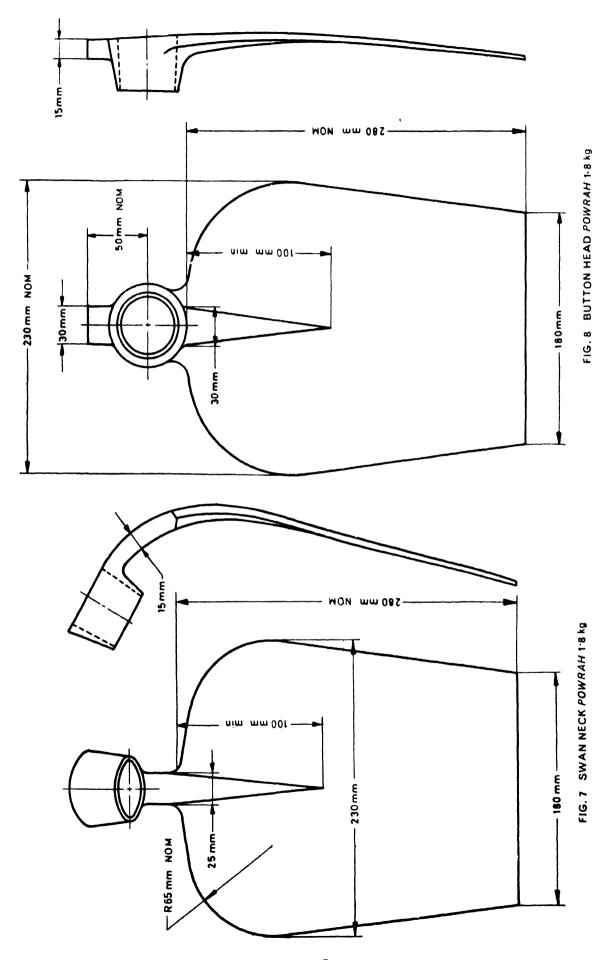


FIG. 5 HALF MOON POWRAH, 1:4 kg





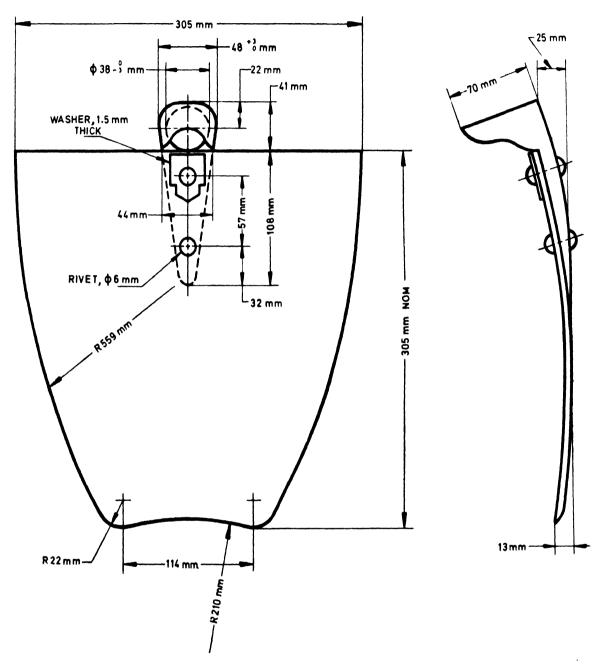
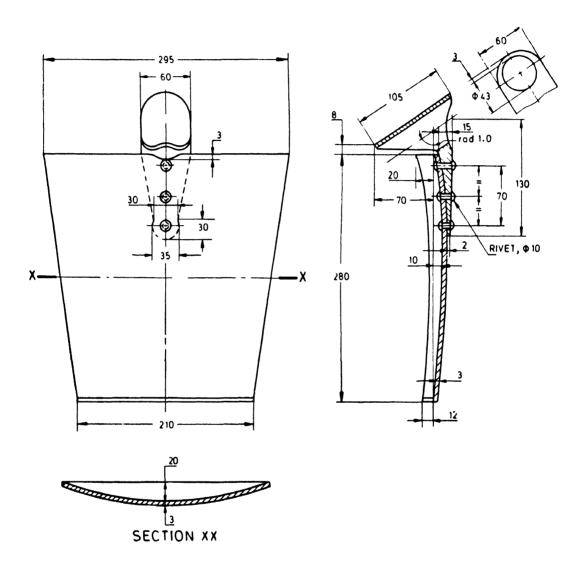


FIG. 9A KAHI POWRAH 2.2 kg



All dimensions in millimetres.
FIG. 9B KAHI POWRAH 2·2 kg TYPE B

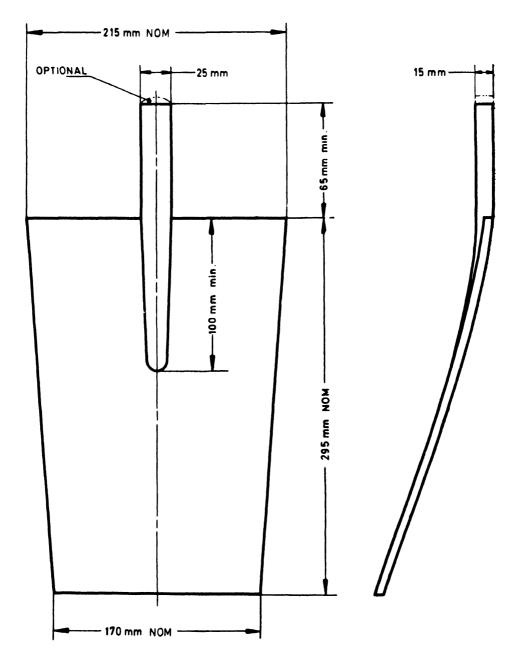
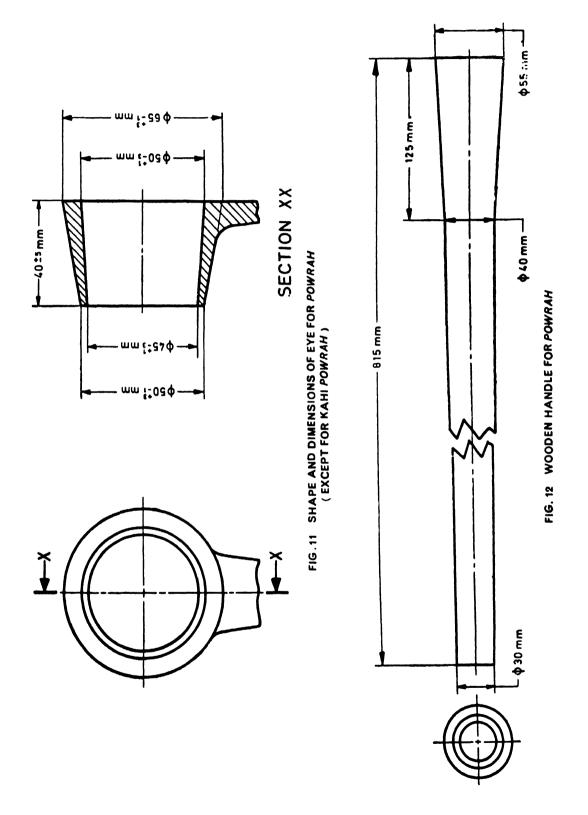


FIG. 10 TANGED POWRAH 1.6 kg



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#### 2.4 Tolerances on Dimensions

- **2.4.1** The permissible tolerances on the dimensions of the eye of *powrahs* shall be as indicated in Fig. 9A, 9B and 11. Tolerances on other dimensions shall be in accordance with the general forging practice and shall not exceed  $\pm$  6 mm.
- 2.4.2 Warpage of the blade of the powrah, when hardened, shall not exceed 5 mm when measured on the working edge with a straight edge.
  - 2.4.3 The following tolerances shall be permissible on the handles:
    - a) Handle end where the eye of the powrah fits + 6 mm
    - b) Overall length + 10 mm - 5 mm
    - c) Length of the tapered portion  $\pm$  3 mm
    - d) Dia of the handle top + 5 mm
      0 mm
    - e) Other dimensions  $\pm$  5 mm

#### 3. Material

- 3.1 Powrahs Suitable steels meeting the requirements given in 5.2 and 10.
- 3.2 Handles When supplied, these shall conform to the requirements of Class 4 specified in IS: 620-1975 'General requirements for wooden tool handles ( second revision )'.
- 4. Mass The mass of powrahs shall be as indicated in the respective figures subject to a tolerance of -10 percent.

#### 5. Manufacture

- 5.1 Powrahs shall be forged or rolled in one piece except in case of Kahi Powrah in which the eye portion may be separately made and riveted to the blade.
- **5.2** Powrahs shall be supplied either in the hardened (partially or fully) or unhardened condition as specified by the purchaser. When Powrahs are supplied in hardened condition, they shall have a hardness of 370 to 470 HV (38 to 47 HRC approx) measured within a distance of about 25 mm from the working edge.

#### 6. Workmanship and Finish

- **6.1** Powrahs shall be well shaped, symmetrical and reasonably free from defects. All fins and flashes produced during forging or rolling shall be dressed to a reasonably level surface. The cutting edge shall be finished ground except East India and Tanged Powrahs which may be supplied without grinding on the edges. The manufacturer may, at his option, supply powrahs with bright ground surfaces above the cutting edges.
- 6.2 The handles, when supplied, shall be properly formed and smoothly finished.

#### 7. Preservative Treatment

- 7.1 The powrahs shall be varnished all over, or shall be coated with standard quality anti-corrosive paints. The manufacturer may at his option coat the inside of the eye with an anti-corrosive paint.
- 7.2 Handles of powrahs shall be given a preservative treatment before assembly when specifically required by the purchaser and stated in the enquiry/order.
- 8. Designation Powrahs shall be designated by the commonly used name and nominal mass.

## Example:

Agri Powrah 1.8 kg IS: 1759

9. Sampling — Unless otherwise agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier for sampling inspection, the methods given in IS: 2500 (Part 1)-1973 'Sampling inspection tables: Part 1 Inspection by attributes and by count of defects (first revision)' shall be followed. The inspection level and acceptable quality level (AQL) for various characteristics shall be as given in 9.1 and 9.2.

- 9.1 For dimensions and visual examination, the single sampling plan with inspection level IV and AQL 4 percent as given in Tables 1 and 2 of IS: 2500 (Part 1)-9713, shall be followed.
- 9.2 For hardness and drop test, the sampling plan with inspection level I and AQL 2.5 percent as given in Tables 1 and 2 of IS: 2500 (Part 1)-1973 shall be followed.

# 10. Tests

- 10.1 Drop Test The samples of powrahs drawn in accordance with 9.2 shall be tested by dropping them, under gravity, from a height of about 600 mm on a mild steel plate of not less than 25 mm thickness. The working edge shall as far as possible strike the mild steel plate squarely and shall not show any sign of fracture or deformation.
- 11. Retests Should samples selected as described under 9.2 and tested, as described in 5.2 and 10.1 or samples selected as described in 9.1, fail to meet the requirements, the bulk represented by them shall be liable for rejection; but at the option of the manufacturer retest with double the number of original samples may be conducted. If the retest fails, the lot is deemed to be rejected, unless the customer and the manufacturer agree that the defects are rectifiable, in which case, after rectification, the material be subjected to fresh tests.
- 12. Works Inspection The manufacturer shall maintain a system of works inspection at all stages of manufacturer to ensure that the *powrahs* are free from all manufacturing defects and comply in all respect with the requirements of this specification.

# 13. Testing and Inspection Facilities

- 13.1 The manufacturer shall supply, free of cost, the required sample, or samples, the labour and appliances for such testing as may be carried out by the purchaser or his authorized representative in accordance with this specification, at the premises of the manufacturer or at any other place mutually agreed upon.
- 13.2 The purchaser or his authorized representative shall normally have free access to the works of the manufacturer at all reasonable times to inspect the manufacture of *powrahs* at any stage. The manufacturer shall, however, have the option, subject to mutual agreement prior to the acceptance of an order, to impose limitations on the foregoing.
- 14. Marking Each powrah shall be clearly, legibly and indelibly marked with its nominal mass, the manufacturer's name, initials and/or recognized trade-mark.
- 14.1 ISI Certification Marking Details available with the Indian Standards Institution.
- 15. Packing The powrahs shall be securely packed in suitable packing cases, or crates, of a size convenient for handling in transit, or bundled and secured suitably with wire as may be mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer. Each type and size of powrahs shall be kept separate when packed, and no package shall contain more than one variety of powrahs.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This standard was first published in 1961. Its first revision was taken in 1980, when the following types of powrahs:

- a) Agri Powrah, 1.4 kg;
- b) Bombay Powrah, 1.2 kg:
- c) Kahi Powrah, 2.2 kg; and
- d) Tanged Powrah, 1.6 kg.

were included whereas Bombay Powrah 1:1 kg was deleted.

This revision has been taken up to bring the standard in line with the current manufacturing practices prevalent in the country. The thickness of the blade has been declared nominal and the mass of the powrah is toleranced as per the prevalent practices. Another type of Kahi Powrah 2.2 kg is also included and the dimensions on curve of the powrah has been declared nominal, since it is difficult to measure the exact dimensions. Eye dimensions have also been modified.