(3) The report for any year shall set out any direction given by the Minister to the corporation during that year unless the Minister has notified to the corporation his opinion that it is against the national interest so to do.

(4) Each of the corporations shall, in respect of each planning period, as defined for the purposes of this section, and at such time before the beginning of that period as the Minister may direct, submit to the Minister—

(*a*) a programme of the air transport services which the corporation propose to provide during that period and of the other activities in which the corporation propose to engage during that period; and

(*b*) an estimate of the receipts of the corporation during that period, and of the expenditure, whether on revenue account or on capital account, to be incurred by the corporation during that period.

(5) In respect of each financial year, each of the corporations shall, at such time before the beginning of the year as the Minister may direct, submit to the Minister an estimate of the expenditure to be incurred by the corporation on capital account during the year.

(6) Without prejudice to their duties under the preceding provisions of this Act, each of the corporations shall provide the Minister with such information relating to the undertaking of the corporation and to the undertaking of any associate of the corporation (including information relating to any activities proposed to be undertaken by the corporation or any such associate) as the Minister may from time to time require:

Provided that no such requirement shall impose upon any of the corporations the duty of providing the Minister with information which the corporation do not possess and cannot reasonably be expected to obtain.

(7) For the purpose of providing the Minister with any information which he may require in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding subsection, each of the corporations shall permit any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf to inspect and make copies of the accounts, books, documents or papers of the corporation, and shall afford such explanation thereof as that person or the Minister may reasonably require.

(8) In this section—

(*a*) the expression "planning period" means the period of three financial years beginning with the first day of