

*Explanation.*—A person acting as assistant to a licensed pilot instructor shall not be deemed to have ceased to be so acting by reason only of the absence of the pilot instructor, if such absence does not exceed seven consecutive days, but where such absence exceeds seven consecutive days, he shall not continue so to act without a written authorization from the Central Government.

(4) *Navigator.*—(a) Every flying machine used for international public transport and having to fly without landing—

(i) by day, more than 100 miles, or

(ii) by night, more than 15 miles,

shall have on board as navigator a person holding a navigator's licence.

(b) The navigator must hold a first class licence if the flying machine has to fly without landing—

(i) by day more than 600 miles, entirely over the high seas or elsewhere than over recognized routes; or

(ii) by night, more than 600 miles.

(5) *Pilot or other member of crew as Navigator.*—

(a) The duties of navigator may be performed by the pilot if he holds a navigator's licence save when the itinerary flown by night does not follow a recognized route:

Provided that when the presence of a navigator holding a first class licence is compulsory the pilot may not perform the duties of such navigator unless a second pilot is on board who can in case of need take charge of the handling of the aircraft.

(b) When there is on board the flying machine a member of the crew, other than the pilot, who holds the necessary navigator's licence, he may perform the duties of a navigator.

(6) In sub-rules (4) and (5) of this rule—

(i) "night" means the period commencing one hour after sunset and terminating one hour before sunrise;

(ii) "flight over the high seas" means a flight in the course of which an aircraft finds itself over the sea at a distance of more than 50 miles from the nearest point of the coast; and

(iii) "recognized route" means a route which has been recognized by the Director-General of Civil Aviation in India as being suitably marked, or adequately provided with wireless facilities, with a view to assist navigation.

(7) *Radio-Telegraph Operator's Licence.*—An aircraft which is required by these rules to carry radio-telegraph apparatus shall carry, in addition to the pilot and whether or not it participates in the international service of public correspondence, a person holding either a first class or a second class radio-telegraph operator's licence issued in accordance with this Part to operate radio-telegraph apparatus on aircraft.

(8) *Radio-Telephone Operator.*—An aircraft which is required by these rules to carry radio-telegraph apparatus and which communicates by radio-telephony, shall carry a person holding a first class radio-telegraph operator's licence: