

PART X.—Investigation of Accidents.

68. Notification of accidents.—(1) An accident in which an aircraft is involved shall be notified in accordance with the provisions of sub-rules (3), (4) and (5) of this rule if between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked :—

(a) any person suffers death or serious injury as a result of being in or upon the aircraft or by direct contact with the aircraft or anything attached thereto, or

(b) the aircraft receives substantial damage.

(2) The term “substantial damage” used in sub-rule (1) shall include any damage which necessitates the replacement or extensive repair of any major component. —

(3) Where an accident occurs which has to be notified under sub-rule (1), the person in command of the aircraft or, if he be killed or incapacitated, the owner, the operator, the hirer or other person on whose behalf he was in command of the aircraft, as the case may be, shall—

(a) send notice thereof to the Director-General, and

(b) give information to the District Magistrate and the Officer-in-charge of the nearest Police Station.

(4) The notice and information shall be sent as soon as possible and by the quickest means available and in any case within 24 hours after the occurrence of the accident.

(5) The notice to the Director-General shall contain the following information namely :—

- (i) the type, nationality and registration marks of aircraft;
- (ii) the name of the owner, operator and hirer of the aircraft;
- (iii) the name of the person in command of the aircraft;
- (iv) the names and description of the crew of the aircraft;
- (v) the nature and purpose of the flight;
- (vi) the date and time of the accident;
- (vii) the place where the accident occurred;
- (viii) the last point of departure and the next point of intended landing of the aircraft;
- (ix) the nature of the accident;
- (x) the number and description of the persons killed and injured as a result of the accident; and
- (xi) the extent of known damage to the aircraft.

69. Report on accidents.—The person in command or the owner of the aircraft which has been involved in an accident, whether or not it is required to be notified under rule 68(1), shall, if so required by the Director-General, submit to him a written report on such accident in such form as he may prescribe.