

be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both, and the Court by which he is convicted may direct that the aircraft or thing (if any) in respect of which the offence has been committed, or any part of such thing, shall be forfeited to Government.

7. Power of Central Government to make rules for investigation of accidents.—(1) The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules providing for the investigation of any accident arising out of or in the course of the navigation—

- (a) in or over India of any aircraft, or
- (b) anywhere of aircraft registered in India.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

(a) require notice to be given of any accident in such manner and by such person as may be prescribed;

(b) apply for the purposes of such investigation, either with or without modification, the provisions of any law for the time being in force relating to the investigation of accidents;

(c) prohibit pending investigation access to or interference with aircraft to which an accident has occurred, and authorize any person so far as may be necessary for the purposes of an investigation to have access to, examine, remove, take measures for the preservation of, or otherwise deal with any such aircraft; and

(d) authorize or require the cancellation, suspension, endorsement or surrender of any license or certificate granted or recognized under this Act, when it appears on an investigation that the license ought to be so dealt with, and provide for the production of any such license for such purpose.

8. Power to detain aircraft.—(1) Any authority authorized in this behalf by the Central Government may detain any aircraft, if in the opinion of such authority—

(a) having regard to the nature of an intended flight, the flight of such aircraft would involve danger to persons in the aircraft or to any other persons or property; or

(b) such detention is necessary to secure compliance with any of the provisions of this Act or the rules applicable to such aircraft; or such detention is necessary to prevent a contravention of any rule made under clause (h) or clause (i), of sub-section (2) of section 5.

(2) The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules regulating all matters incidental or subsidiary to the exercise of this power.

8A. Power of Central Government to make rules for protecting the public health.—The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for the prevention of danger arising to the public health by the introduction or spread of any infectious or contagious disease from aircraft arriving at or being at any aerodrome and for the prevention of the conveyance of infection or contagion by means of any aircraft leaving an aerodrome and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of this provision may make, with respect to aircraft and aerodromes or any specified aerodrome, rules providing for any of the matters for which rules under sub-clauses (i) to (viii) of clause (p) of sub-section (1) of