

(*k*) no aircraft maintenance shall be conducted which may provide a source of ignition for fuel vapours during fuelling operations.

(*l*) fire extinguishers of adequate capacity and of suitable type, approved by the Director General shall be available for immediate use near the aircraft.

(*m*) in the event of fuel being spilled, fuelling must cease and the engine of the ground power supply unit must be stopped, but the electrical circuits and switches should on no account be touched except for the purpose of stopping the power unit. Prior to recommencing fuelling, action must be taken to clean the spilled fuel. Fuel must not be washed into sewers or drains.

(*n*) fuelling operations shall cease when a turbo-jet aircraft manoeuvres so as to bring the rear jet outlets within 43 metres of the fuelling equipment or the aircraft.

NOTE.—The requirements of clause (*f*) of sub-rule (2) above shall not apply to the use of ground batteries as an auxiliary source of electric supply to the aircraft provided they are not connected or disconnected during fuelling operations.

25-B. Housing of aircraft.—(1) No aircraft containing dangerous petroleum in bulk in any of its tanks may be housed in a hangar unless such hangar is constructed of unflammable material and is effectively and safely ventilated to the open air.

(2) Every such hangar shall be in charge of a competent person who shall be responsible for taking all proper precautions against fire and shall prevent unauthorized persons from having access to the building.

26. (As amended by Indian Aircraft (Amendment) Rules, 1962)
Dropping of articles and descents by parachutes.—(1) No person shall drop or project or cause or permit to be dropped or projected from an aircraft in motion anything except ballast in the form of fine sand or water:

Provided that nothing in this rule shall be construed as preventing—

(*a*) in an emergency, the dropping of liquid fuel;

(*b*) in an emergency, the dropping of cargo over areas where hazard to persons or property outside the aircraft is not thereby created;

(*c*) the dropping of message bags, smoke producing or other apparatus or materials dropped for the purpose of navigating an aircraft or communicating messages from aircraft subject to the observance of such precautions as to the nature of the articles dropped and the place of dropping as will avoid risk of injuring persons or damaging property on the ground or water;

(*d*) the dropping of separate sheets of paper containing printed matter in any place if the written permission of the District Magistrate, or the Commissioner of Police is first obtained in each case;

(*e*) the dropping of ropes used for towing aircraft.

(2) No person shall, except in an emergency, descend by means of a parachute from an aircraft and no person shall drop or cause or permit to be dropped from an aircraft in flight any article, whether attached to a parachute or not, unless the descent is made or the article is dropped in accordance with and subject to any conditions or limitations