

such aircraft, prescribe conditions for the technical operation, maintenance and use of such aircraft, accessories or equipment.

60. Daily inspection.—(1) A public transport flying machine effecting public transport shall not commence any flight unless it has, within the preceding 24 hours, been inspected and certified as safe for flight in accordance with these rules by the appropriate person licensed under rule 61:

Provided that if any such flying machine not carrying passengers for remuneration on a regular scheduled air service is absent from its usual station, whether by reason of delay or otherwise, for a longer period than 24 hours, it may proceed on its journey if, at the time of commencement of a flight, it has not performed more than 12 hours' flying and a period of more than four days has not intervened, since it was last so inspected and certified:

Provided further that no such flying machine shall commence any flight, if, since such inspection, it has suffered any damage or revealed any defect which would render the machine unsafe for flight and which could not, in accordance with ordinary aeronautical practice, be remedied by the pilot or crew.

(2) The certificate required by sub-rule (1) shall be given in the form and manner specified in Section D of Schedule III.

(3) The pilot or commander of every flying machine shall before commencing any flight satisfy himself that—

(a) having regard to the performance of the aircraft, the extent to which it is loaded, and the prevailing conditions, sufficient length of run is available to effect a safe take-off and the line of flight in the take-off direction is not obstructed, and that

(b) the flying machine is safe for flight according to the circumstances of the flight as laid down in Section D of Schedule III.

61. Licensing of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.—(1) For the purpose of rules 57, 58 and 60 the Central Government may grant licences to persons to act in the capacity of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers, and to sign in connection with the construction, repair, overhaul and maintenance of aircraft such certificates as may be prescribed or required under these rules.

(2) The categories and privileges in respect of which licences for aircraft maintenance engineers may be granted, shall be as follows—

(a) Category A (applicable to aircraft, excluding engines) in respect of—

(i) Certification as to fitness for flight of an aircraft for which a certificate of airworthiness is about to be issued.

(ii) Certification as to the safety for flight of public transport aircraft.

(iii) Certification in the log book of work done under approved maintenance schedules.

(iv) Certification in the log book of repairs approved as minor repairs.

(v) Certification in the log book of modifications approved as minor modifications.

(vi) Certification in the log book of replacement of approved components and parts.