

person shall be given notice that blame may be attributed to him; and thereupon he may be given a reasonable opportunity of being present and making any statement or giving any evidence and producing witnesses on his behalf and examining any witnesses from whose evidence it appears that blame may be attributed to him.

(4) A public notice that such investigation is taking place may be given by the Director-General in such manner as he may think fit and every such public notice shall state that any person who may desire to make representation concerning the circumstances or causes of the accident may do so in writing within the time specified in the notice.

(5) The Inspector of Accidents shall take a report to the Director-General stating all relevant facts with regard to the accident and his conclusions with regard to the causes of the accident, and adding any observations and recommendations which he may think fit to make with a view to preservation of life and avoidance of similar accidents in future.

(6) The Director-General shall forward the report of the Inspector of Accidents to the Central Government with such comments as the Director-General may think fit to make, and the Central Government may, at its discretion, make the whole or part of any such report public in such manner as it may consider fit.

72. Power of Inspector of Accidents.—For the purpose of such investigation an Inspector of Accidents shall have power—

(a) by summons under his hand to require the attendance of any person whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for such purpose and to require answers or returns to any inquiries he thinks fit to make;

(b) to require any such person to make and to sign a declaration regarding the true nature of the statements made by him;

(c) to require and enforce the production of all books, papers, documents and articles which he may consider necessary for the investigation, and to retain any such books, papers, documents and articles until completion of the investigation; and

(d) to have access to and examine any aircraft involved in the accident, the place where the accident occurred or any other place, the entry upon and examination of which appears to the Inspector necessary for the purpose of the investigation.

73. Inspector's fee.—When a person other than an officer of Government is appointed an Inspector of Accidents he may be granted such fee and expenses as may be determined by the Central Government.

74. Committee of Inquiry.—(1) The Central Government may, at its discretion, appoint a Committee of Inquiry composed of two or more persons to hold an inquiry into an accident in which an aircraft is involved, and such a Committee shall have the same powers as an Inspector of Accidents under rule 72.

(2) The Committee of Inquiry may at its discretion hold the inquiry in public or in private.

(3) The Inquiry shall be conducted in such a manner that if a charge is made or likely to be made against any person, that person, shall be given notice that blame may be attributed to him and thereupon he may be given a reasonable opportunity of being present