

(ii) The assessors shall have the same powers of entry and inspection as the Court.

(4) The investigation shall be conducted in such manner that, if a charge is made or likely to be made against any person, that person shall have an opportunity of being present and of making any statement or giving any evidence and producing witnesses on his behalf.

(5) Every person attending as a witness before the Court shall be allowed such expenses as the Court may consider reasonable:

Provided that, in the case of the owner or hirer of any aircraft concerned in the accident and of any person in his employment or of any other person concerned in the accident, any such expenses may be disallowed if the Court, in its discretion, so directs.

(6) The Court shall make a report to the Central Government stating its findings as to the causes of the accident and the circumstances thereof and adding any observations and recommendations which the Court thinks fit to make with a view to the preservation of life and avoidance of similar accidents in future, including, a recommendation for the cancellation, suspension or endorsement of any licence or certificate issued under these rules.

(7) The assessors (if any) shall either sign the report, with or without reservations, or state in writing their dissent therefrom and their reasons for such dissent, and such reservations or dissent and reasons (if any) shall be forwarded to the Central Government with the report. The Central Government may cause any such report and reservations or dissent and reasons (if any) to be made public, wholly or in part, in such manner as it thinks fit.

76. Obstruction of proceedings.—(1) No person shall obstruct or impede the Court or a member of the Committee of Inquiry or an Inspector of Accidents or an assessor or any person acting in the exercise of any powers or duties under the rules in this Part.

(2) No person shall without reasonable excuse (the burden of proving which shall lie on him) fail to comply with any summons or requisition of a Court or a Committee of Inquiry or an Inspector of Accidents holding an investigation or an Inquiry under the rules in this Part.

77. Accident to aircraft registered in a foreign State.—Where an investigation by an Inspector of Accidents or an inquiry by a Committee of Inquiry or a formal investigation by a Court relates to an accident which has occurred in or over India to an aircraft registered in a country other than India, an accredited representative of the country in which the aircraft is registered, and of any other country which has on request furnished information in connection with the accident, may participate in the investigation, inquiry or formal investigation as the case may be; he may be accompanied by such technical or other advisers as may be considered necessary by the authorities of the country by which he is appointed.

77-A. Saving.—Nothing in this Part shall limit the power of the Central Government with regard to the cancellation, suspension or endorsement of any license or certificate issued under these rules.

Part XI.—Aerodromes.

78. Government aerodromes.—A Government aerodrome shall not be open to use by any member of the public save to such extent, if any,