

(4) During the temporary absence of the Chairman of either of the Corporations, the Central Government may appoint another person, whether a member of the Corporation or not, to act as the Chairman.

(5) Save as otherwise provided in this section, nothing contained in this Act shall be deemed to disqualify the General Manager of either of the Corporations from being appointed to be a member thereof.

5. Conditions of service of members.—(1) The Chairman and other members of each of the Corporations shall ordinarily be entitled to hold office for the period specified in the order of appointment, unless the appointment is terminated earlier by the Central Government:

Provided that any member may at any time by notice in writing addressed to the Central Government resign his office.

(2) Subject to the previous approval of the Central Government, each of the Corporations shall pay to every member thereof in respect of his office as such, such remuneration by way of allowances, fees or otherwise as may be determined by the Corporation, and to the Chairman in respect of his office as such, such remuneration, whether in addition to the remuneration to which he may be entitled in respect of his office as a member or otherwise, as it may similarly determine.

6. Vacancy in Corporation not to invalidate proceedings.—No act or proceeding of either of the Corporations shall be deemed to be invalid by reason merely of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the Corporation.

7. Functions of the Corporations.—(1) Subject to the rules, if any, made by the Central Government in this behalf, it shall be the function of each of the Corporations to provide safe, efficient, adequate, economical and properly co-ordinated air transport services, whether internal or international or both, and the Corporation shall so exercise their powers as to secure that the air transport services are developed to the best advantage and, in particular, so exercise those powers as to secure that the services are provided at reasonable charges.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by subsection (1), each of the Corporations shall, in particular, have power—

(a) to operate any air transport service, or any flight by aircraft for a commercial or other purpose, and to carry out all forms of aerial work;

(b) to provide for the instruction and training in matters connected with aircraft or flight by aircraft of persons employed, or desirous of being employed, either by the Corporation or by any other person;

(c) with the previous approval of the Central Government, to promote any organization outside India for the purpose of engaging in any activity of a kind which the Corporation has power to carry on;

(d) to acquire, hold or dispose of any property, whether movable or immovable, or any air transport undertaking;

(e) to repair, overhaul, reconstruct, assemble or recondition aircraft, vehicles or other machines and parts, accessories and instruments there or therefor and also to manufacture such parts, accessories and instruments, whether the aircraft, vehicles or other machines are owned by the Corporation or by any other person;