

(*f*) to enter into and perform all such contracts as are calculated to further the efficient performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers under this Act;

(*g*) to perform any functions as agent or contractor in relation to an air transport service operated by any other person;

(*h*) with the previous approval of the Central Government, to enter into agreements with any person engaged in air transportation with a view to enabling such person to provide air transport services on behalf of or in association with the Corporation;

(*i*) with the previous approval of the Central Government, to determine and levy fares and freight rates and other charges for or in respect of the carriage of passengers and goods on air transport services operated by it;

(*j*) to take such steps as are calculated to extend the air transport services provided by the Corporation, whether within or without India, including the development of feeder services and the improvement of the types of aircraft used in air transport services;

(*k*) to take such steps as are calculated to promote the interests of the Corporation or to improve the services the Corporation may provide, including provision of catering, rest-rooms, goods-sheds, warehouses and transport by land or water in connection with any air transport service or any other amenity or facility;

(*l*) to take all such steps as may be necessary or convenient for, or may be incidental to, the exercise of any power, or the discharge of any function or duty conferred or imposed on it by this Act.

(3) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as—

(*a*) authorising the disregard by the Corporation of any law for the time being in force, or

(*b*) authorising any person to institute any proceeding in respect of a duty or liability to which either of the Corporations or its employees would not otherwise be subject.

8. Appointment of officers and other employees of the Corporations.—(1) For the purpose of enabling it efficiently to discharge its functions under this Act, each of the Corporations shall appoint a General Manager and, subject to such rules as may be prescribed in this behalf, may also appoint such number of other officers and employees as it may think necessary.

Provided that the appointment of the General Manager and such other categories of officers as may be specified after consultation with the Chairman in such rules shall be subject to the approval of the Central Government.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 20, every person employed by each of the Corporations shall be subject to such conditions of service and shall be entitled to such remuneration and privileges as may be determined by regulations made by the Corporation by which he is employed.

(3) Neither the General Manager nor such other employee of either of the Corporations as may be specified in this behalf by the Central Government shall, during his service in the Corporation, be employed in any capacity whatsoever or directly or indirectly have any interest in any air transport undertaking other than an undertaking of either