

for the Central Government for any of the purposes of this Act before the establishment of either of the Corporations shall be deemed to have been incurred, entered into or engaged to be done by, with or for Indian Airlines or, as the case may be, Air India International according as the obligations, contracts, matters and things relate to the purposes of the former Corporation or the latter.

15. Accounts and audit.—(1) The Corporations shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts, including the profit and loss account and the balance sheet in such form as may be prescribed by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

(2) The accounts of the Corporations shall be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and any expenditure incurred by him in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Corporations to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

(3) The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Corporations shall have the same rights and privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Auditor-General has in connection with the audit of Government accounts and in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect any of the offices of the Corporations.

(4) The accounts of the Corporations as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

CHAPTER IV. ACQUISITION OF UNDERTAKINGS OF EXISTING AIR COMPANIES

16. Undertakings of existing air companies to vest in the Corporation.—On such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint (hereinafter referred to as "the appointed date"), there shall be transferred to and vest in—

(a) Indian Airlines, the undertakings of all the existing air companies (other than Air India International Ltd.), and

(b) Air India International, the undertaking of the Air India International Ltd.

17. General effect of vesting of undertakings in the Corporations.—(1) The undertaking of each of the existing air companies which is transferred to and which vests in either of the Corporations under section 16 shall, subject to the provisions of section 22, be deemed to include all assets, rights, powers, authorities and privileges and all property, movable and immovable, including lands, works, workshops, aircraft, cash balances, reserve funds, investments and book debts and all other rights and interests arising out of such property as were immediately before the appointed date in the ownership, possession or power of the existing air company in relation to the undertaking, whether within or without India, and all books of account and documents relating thereto, and, subject to the provisions contained in