

of each offence to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to both.

*Explanation.*—The operation of each flight shall constitute a separate offence for the purposes of this section.

**19. Licences to cease to be valid.**—With effect from the appointed date, all licences granted under the Indian Aircraft Act, 1934 (XXII of 1934) or under the rules made thereunder for the operation of scheduled air transport services shall cease to be valid.

**20. Provisions respecting officers and employees of existing air companies.**—(1) Every officer or other employee of an existing air company (except a director, managing agent, manager or any other person entitled to manage the whole or a substantial part of the business and affairs of the company under a special agreement) employed by that company prior to the first day of July, 1952, and still in its employment immediately before the appointed date shall, in so far as such officer or other employee is employed in connection with the undertaking which has vested in either of the Corporations by virtue of this Act, become as from the appointed date an officer or other employee, as the case may be, of the Corporation in which the undertaking has vested and shall hold his office or service therein by the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension and gratuity and other matters as he would have held the same under the existing air company if its undertaking had not vested in the Corporation and shall continue to do so unless and until his employment in the Corporation is terminated or until his remuneration, terms or conditions are duly altered by the Corporation:

Provided that nothing contained in this section shall apply to any officer or other employee who has, by notice in writing given to the Corporation concerned prior to such date as may be fixed by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, intimated his intention of not becoming an officer or other employee of the Corporation.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the Central Government may direct either of the Corporations in which the undertaking of any existing air company has vested to take into its employment any officer or other employee who was employed by the existing air company prior to the first day of July, 1952, and who has been discharged from service in that company on or after the said date for reasons which, in the opinion of the Central Government, appear to be inadequate for the purpose, and where the Central Government issues any such direction, the provisions of sub-section (1) shall apply to such officer or other employee as they apply to any officer or other employee referred to therein.

(3) As from the appointed date the trustees of the provident funds and pension funds or pension schemes of each of the existing air companies shall transfer to the Corporation concerned the balances lying to the credit of each of the employees whose services have been transferred to that Corporation by virtue of this Act and also all other balances of the funds or schemes as shall remain after satisfying all demands and liabilities, and thereupon the trustees shall be discharged of the trusts by virtue of this Act.