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An Act to authorize, facilitate, and regulate the constructions and working of aerial ropeways in ⁵[Haryana]

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorize, facilitate, and regulate the construction and working of aerial ropeways in ⁵[Haryana] and whereas the previous sanction of the Governor-General to the passing of this Act has been obtained; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Aerial Ropeways Act, 1926.

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Gazette*, 1925, Part V, pages 358-360, for Select Committee's Report, see *ibid*, 1926, Part V, pages 62-79, and for Proceedings in Council, see *Punjab Legislative Council Debates*, Volume VIII-B, page 1831 and Volume IX-A, pages 705 and 845.
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Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

- (1) "Aerial Ropeway" means an aerial ropeway (or any portion thereof) for the public carriage of passengers, animals or goods, and includes all ropes, posts, carriers, stations, offices, warehouses, workshops, machinery and other works used for the purposes of, or in connection with, and all land appurtenant to, such aerial ropeway;
- (2) "Carrier" means any vehicle or receptacle hung or suspended from, or hauled by, a rope and used for the carriage of passengers, animals, or goods or for any other purpose in connection with the working of an aerial ropeway;
- (3) "Circle" in relation to a local authority means the area within the control of that authority;
- (4) "Inspector" means an Inspector of aerial ropeways appointed under this Act;
- (5) "Order" means an Order authorizing the construction of an aerial ropeway under this Act, and includes a further order substituted for, or amending, extending or revoking that order;
- (6) "Post" means a post, trestle, standard, street, stay, or other contrivance or part of a contrivance for carrying, suspending or supporting a rope;
- (7) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made by the ²[State] Government under section 32;
- (8) "Promoter" means—
 - (i) the ²[State] Government,
 - (ii) a local authority,
 - (iii) any person,

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in whose favour an order has been made under section 7, or on whom the rights and liabilities conferred and imposed on the promoter by this Act, and by rules and orders made under this Act, as to the construction, maintenance and use of an aerial ropeway, have devolved;

(9) "Rate" includes any fare, charge or other payment for the carriage of passenger, animals or goods;

(10) "Rope" includes any cable, wire, rail, or way, whether flexible or rigid for suspending carrying or hauling a carrier, if any part of such cable, wire, rail, or way, is carried overhead and is suspended from or supported on posts.

PROCEDURE AND PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

3. Every application by an intending promoter other than the [State] Government in regard to a proposed aerial ropeway for permission to undertake the necessary preliminary investigations shall be submitted to the [State] Government. Application for concession.

4. Every such application shall include— Contents of application.

(a) a description of the undertaking and of the route to be followed by the proposed aerial ropeway;

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Preliminary investigations.

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ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS

Publication of proposed order authorizing construction and contents of such orders.

6. (1) The ¹[State] Government may, on application made by any promoter and after due consideration of the details supplied in accordance with section 5, publish in the Official Gazette a draft of the proposed order authorizing the construction of an aerial ropeway within any specified area or along any specified route by or on behalf of such promoter, subject to such restrictions and conditions as the ¹[State] Government may deem proper.

(2) A notice shall be published with the draft stating that any objection or suggestion which any person may desire to make with respect to the proposed order will, if submitted to the ¹[State] Government on or before a date to be specified in the notice be received and considered.

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- (4) The draft of the proposed order may specify—
- (i) a time within which the capital required for the construction of the aerial ropeway shall be raised ;
 - (ii) a time within which the construction shall be commenced ;
 - (iii) a time within which the construction shall be completed ;
 - (iv) the condition under which a concession, guarantee, or financial assistance may be given by the ¹[State] Government or a local authority to the promoter ;
 - (v) the rights of purchase by the ¹[State] Government or a local authority ;
 - (vi) the rules regarding audit and accounts ;
 - (vii) the rules regarding arbitration for the settlement of disputes ;
 - (viii) the specifications relating to the structural designs, quality of material, factors of safety, method of computing stresses and other such technical details as may be considered necessary ;
 - ²[(ix) the rules relating to the construction of the aerial ropeway over road and other public ways of communication, except railways as defined by the ³[Constitutional and, with the previous sanction of * * * * * the Central Government, over such railways] ;
 - (x) the conditions under which the promoter may sell or transfer his rights to the ¹[State] Government, or to a local authority or person ;

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 2. Substituted for the old clause by the Government of India (Adaptation of India Laws) Order, 1937.
 3. Substituted for "Government of India Act, 1935," by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951.
 4. The words "the Federal Railway authority or" omitted by the Indian Independence (Adaptation of Bengal and Punjab Acts) Order, 1948.

- (xi) the conditions under which the aerial ropeway may be taken over by the ¹[State] Government to be worked by itself or by a local authority or by a person other than the promoter ;
- (xii) the motive power to be used on the aerial ropeway and the conditions, if any, on which such power may be used ;
- (xiii) the minimum headway to be maintained under different parts of the rope ;
- (xiv) the points under the aerial ropeway at which bridges or guards shall be constructed and maintained ;
- (xv) the traffic which may be carried on the ropeway, the traffic which the promoter shall be bound to carry, and the traffic which he may refuse to carry ;
- (xvi) the maximum and minimum rates that may be charged by the promoter, and the circumstances in which and the manner in which these rates may be revised by the ¹[State] Government ;
- (xvii) the amount of security, if any, to be deposited by the promoter in the event of his application being granted ; and
- (xviii) such other matters as the ¹[State] Government may deem necessary.

Final order.

7. (1) If, after considering any objections or suggestions which may have been made in respect to the draft on or before the specified date, the ¹[State] Government is of opinion that the application should be granted, with or without modification, or subject or not to any restriction or condition, it may make an order accordingly.

(2) Every order authorising the construction of an aerial ropeway shall be published in the Official Gazette, and such publication shall be conclusive proof that the order has been made as required by this section.

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8. If a promoter authorized by an order to construct an aerial ropeway does not, within the time specified in the order,—

Cessation of powers given by an order.

- (a) succeed in raising the full amount of capital required for the completion of the aerial ropeway;
- (b) make, in the opinion, of the ¹[State] Government, substantial progress with the construction of the aerial ropeway; or
- (c) complete the construction thereof;

the powers given to the promoter by such order shall, unless the ¹[State] Government prolongs the time so specified, cease to be exercised.

9. (1) The ¹[State] Government ²[* * * *] may, on the application of the promoter revoke, amend, or extend the order by a further order.

Further order.

(2) An application for a further order shall be made in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, as an application for an order.

(3) If the ¹[State] Government grants the application it shall make the further order in the same manner as an order, except that the rights, powers and authorities asked for in the said application shall not be increased, modified or restricted by the further order without the consent in writing of the promoter.

10. (1) No aerial ropeway shall be opened for any kind of traffic until the ¹[State] Government has by order sanctioned the opening thereof for that purpose. The sanction of the ¹[State] Government under this section shall not be given until an Inspector has reported in writing to the ¹[State] Government—

Inspection of aerial ropeways before opening.

- (a) that he has made a careful inspection of the aerial ropeway and appurtenances;

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2. The words "in its discretion" were omitted by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937.

- (b) that the moving and fixed dimensions and other conditions prescribed under the order have been complied with;
- (c) that the aerial ropeway is sufficiently equipped for the traffic for which it is intended;
- (d) that the bye-laws and working rules prescribed by sections 27 and 32 have been duly made, approved, and promulgated in the manner prescribed in those sections; and
- (e) that in his opinion the aerial ropeway is fit for public traffic and can be used without danger to the public using it, or to the person employed thereon, or to the general public.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall extend to the opening of additional sections of the aerial ropeway, to deviation lines, and to any alteration or reconstruction materially affecting the structural character of any work to which the provisions of sub-section (1) apply or are extended by this sub-section.

Appointment
of Inspectors.

11. (1) The [State] Government may appoint Inspectors of aerial ropeways and may fix the fees to be charged to promoters for the performance by Inspectors of their duties under this Act.

(2) It shall be the duty of such Inspectors from time to time to inspect aerial ropeways and to determine whether they are maintained in a fit condition and worked with due regard to the convenience and safety of the public, and consistently with the provisions of this Act.

Powers of
Inspector.

12. An Inspector shall, for the purpose of any of the duties which he is authorized or required to perform under this Act, be deemed to be a public servant, as defined in the Indian Penal Code, and shall for that purpose have such powers as may be prescribed by the [State] Government under clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 32.

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13. The promoter and his servants and agents shall afford to the Inspector all reasonable facilities for performing the duties and exercising the powers imposed and conferred upon him by this Act or by rules made thereunder.

Facilities to be afforded to Inspector.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS

14. (1) Subject to the provisions of, and to the rules made under this Act, and, in the case of immovable property not belonging to the promoter, to the provisions of any enactment for the time being in force for the acquisition of land for public purposes and for companies, a promoter may—

Authority of Promoter to execute all works.

- (a) make such survey as he thinks necessary;
- (b) place and maintain posts in or upon any immovable property;
- (c) suspend and maintain a rope over along or across any immovable property;
- (d) make such bridges, culverts, drains, embankments and roads as may be necessary;
- (e) erect and construct such machinery, offices, stations, warehouses and other buildings, works, and conveniences as may be necessary; and
- (f) do all other acts necessary for constructing, maintaining, altering, repairing and using the aerial ropeway:

Provided that a promoter may take any action under clause (b) or clause (c) of this sub-section, notwithstanding the objection of the owner or occupier of the property affected thereby, if the Collector, after giving such owner and occupier by notice in writing an opportunity of being heard, by an order in writing permits such action.

(2) When making an order under the proviso to sub-section (1), the Collector shall fix the amount of compensation, or of annual rent, or of both, which should, in his opinion, be paid by the promoter to the owner of the property affected thereby, or, in the case of immovable property, to the owner or occupier thereof, or any person interested therein and the amount to be paid to each.

Temporary entry upon land for repairing or preventing accident.

15. (1) Subject to the rules made under this Act a promoter or his duly authorized servant or agent may at any time for the purpose of examining, repairing, or altering an aerial ropeway, or of preventing any accident, enter upon any immovable property adjoining such aerial ropeway, and may do all such works as may be necessary for such purposes.

(2) In the exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) the promoter or his duly authorized servant or agent, as the case may be, shall cause as little damage as possible and compensation shall be paid by him for any damage so caused; and in the case of any disputes as to the amount of such compensation, the matter shall be referred to the decision of the Collector.

Removal of obstructions.

16. (1) Where any tree standing or lying near an aerial ropeway, or where any structure or other object which has been placed or has fallen near an aerial ropeway subsequent to the issue of an order under section 7 in regard to such aerial ropeway, interrupts or interferes with, or is likely to interrupt or interfere with the construction, maintenance, alteration, or use of the aerial ropeway, the Collector may, on the application of the promoter, cause the tree, structure or object to be removed or otherwise dealt with as he thinks fit. For the purpose of this sub-section the expression "tree" shall be deemed to include any shrub, hedge, jungle growth or other plant.

(2) When disposing of an application under sub-section (1) the Collector shall award to the person interested such compensation as the Collector deems reasonable, and the Collector may recover such amount from the promoter as if it were an arrears of land revenue.

Orders of Collector subject to revision by State Government.

17. No suit shall lie, in respect of any matter referred to in the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 14 in sub-section (2) of section 14, section 15, or in sub-section (1) of section 16, but every order made by a Collector under any of those sections, and every award made by him under sub-section (2) of section 16, shall be subject to revision by the [State] Government except in the case of an award of compensation made by the Collector on account of action taken under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 14, which award shall be subject to revision by the District Judge.

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WORKING OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS

18. The promoter shall, for the purposes of working an aerial ropeway, and subject to such maximum and minimum rates as may be prescribed or ordered, have powers from time to time to fix rates for the carriage of passengers, animals or goods on the aerial ropeway. Promoter may fix rates.

19. No promoter shall make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to or in favour of any particular person or any particular description of traffic in any respect whatsoever, or subject to any particular person or any particular description of traffic to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever. Duty of promoter to work aerial ropeway without partiality.

20. When any of the following accidents occur in the course of working an aerial ropeway, namely :— Reporting of accidents.

- (a) any accident attended with loss of human life or serious physical injury to any human being, or with serious injury to property ;
- (b) any accident of a description usually attended with loss of human life or with serious physical injury as aforesaid, or with serious injury to property ;
- (c) any accident of any other description which the '[State] Government may specify in this behalf by notification in the Official Gazette; the promoter shall without unnecessary delay, send notice of the accident to the '[State] Government and to the Inspector; and the promoter's servant in charge of the station on the aerial ropeway nearest to the place at which the accident occurred, or where there is no station, the promoter's servant in charge of the section of the aerial ropeway on which the accident occurred, shall, with the least possible delay give notice of the accident to the Magistrate of the District in which the accident occurred and to the officer in charge of the police station within the local limits of which it occurred or to such other Magistrate and police officer as the '[State] Government may appoint in this behalf, and shall also, if the accident is attended with loss of human life or serious physical injury to any human being, send information to the nearest dispensary.

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Power to close and reopen aerial ropeways.

21. (1) If after inspecting any aerial ropeway opened to public traffic, an Inspector is of opinion that the aerial ropeway or any specified part thereof cannot be used without danger to the public or is no longer in a fit state for the carriage of any specified class of traffic he shall state that opinion, together with the grounds therefor to the ¹[State] Government and the ¹[State] Government, after such further enquiry, if any, as it may think fit, may thereupon order that, for reasons to be set forth in the order, the aerial ropeway, or the part thereof so specified, be closed to all traffic or to any specified class of traffic:

Provided that, in any case of extreme urgency, the Inspector may order the suspension of the working of the aerial ropeway or any part thereof which he considers necessary pending the orders of the ¹[State] Government.

(2) When under sub-section (1) an aerial ropeway or any part thereof has been closed to any traffic, it shall not be reopened to such traffic until it has been inspected and its reopening sanctioned, in the prescribed manner.

DISCONTINUANCE OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS.

Cessation of powers of promoter on discontinuance of aerial ropeway.

22. If, at any time after the opening of an aerial ropeway, it is proved to the satisfaction of the ¹[State] Government that the promoter has discontinued the working of the aerial ropeway or of any part thereof, without a reason sufficient, in the opinion of the ¹[State] Government, to warrant such discontinuance, the ¹[State] Government may, if it thinks fit, declare by notification in the Official Gazette, that the powers of the promoter in respect of such aerial ropeway or part thereof shall, from such date as it may determine, be at an end; and thereupon the said powers shall cease and determine.

Explanation.— The working of an aerial ropeway shall be deemed to have been discontinued if it has ceased for the period determined in the order published under section 7, or, if the period has not been so determined, for a period of three months.

Powers of State Government to remove aerial ropeway on cessation of promoter's powers.

23. (1) When a declaration has been made by the ¹[State] Government under section 22 in respect of any aerial ropeway or of any part thereof, an officer appointed in that behalf by the ¹[State] Government may, at any time after the expiration of two months from

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the date determined as aforesaid, remove such aerial ropeway or part thereof, as the case may be; and the promoter shall pay to the officer so appointed such costs of removal as shall be certified by that officer to have been incurred by him.

(2) If the promoter fails to pay the amount of costs so certified within one month after the delivery to him of the certificate or of a copy thereof, such officer may, either by public auction or private sale, and without any previous notice to the promoter, and without prejudice to any other remedy which he may have for the recovery of the said amount, sell and dispose of the materials of the aerial ropeway or part thereof so removed; and may, out of the proceeds of the sale, pay and reimburse to himself the amount of costs certified as aforesaid and the costs of the sale, and shall pay over the residue (if any) of such proceeds to the promoter.

PURCHASE OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS

24. (1) Where the promoter is the ¹[State] Government the ¹[State] Government may at any time transfer the undertaking or any part thereof to—

Power of State Government and local authorities to purchase aerial ropeways.

- (a) a local authority or local authorities under terms and conditions approved of by, and with the consent of, such authority or authorities:
- (b) to any other person under such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between the ¹[State] Government and the transferee.

(2) Where the promoter is not the ¹[State] Government, the ¹[State] Government may—

- (a) within such limits of time and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in this behalf in the order, or
- (b) if a time was not specified in the order, then within six months after the expiration of a period of twenty-one years from the date of the order, and within six months

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after the expiration of every subsequent period of seven years, or

- (c) within two months after the publication of a notification under section 22, or within six months after the publication of a notification under section 26,

by notice in writing require the promoter to sell to the ¹[State] Government or to a local authority the aerial ropeway or a part thereof, and thereupon the promoter shall sell the same upon the terms specified in the order, or if the terms were not specified in the order, then upon the terms of receiving the then value of the aerial ropeway or of the part thereof. The then value of the aerial ropeway shall be deemed to be twenty-five times the amount of the average yearly net earnings derived by the promoter from the aerial ropeway or part thereof, during the three years immediately preceding the date of sale:

Provided that if the terms were not specified in the order published under section 7 the total amount so payable to the promoter shall not exceed by more than twenty per cent, the total capital expenditure of the promoter on the aerial ropeway, or part thereof.

(3) A requisition shall not be made under sub-section (2) requiring the promoter to sell to the local authority unless the making thereof has been approved by the local authority.

(4) When a sale has been made under this section, all the rights, powers and authorities of the promoter in respect of the undertaking or part thereof sold, or, where a notification has been published under section 22 or section 26, all the rights, powers and authorities of the promoter previous to the publication of the notification in respect of the undertaking or part thereof sold, shall be transferred to the authorities to whom the undertaking or part has been sold, and shall vest in, and may be exercised by, that authority in the same manner as if the aerial ropeway had been constructed by it under an order made under this Act.

(5) Subject to, and in accordance with, the preceding provisions of this section, two or more local authorities may jointly purchase an undertaking or so much thereof as is within their circles.

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(6) Where a purchase has been effected under sub-section (1) or sub-section (5)—

(a) the undertaking shall vest in the purchasers free from any debts, mortgages or similar obligations of the promoter or attaching to the undertaking :

Provided that any such debts, mortgages or similar obligations shall attach to the purchase money in substitution for the undertaking ; and

(b) save as aforesaid, the order published under section 7 shall remain in full force, and the purchaser shall be deemed to be the promoter :

Provided that where the ¹[State] Government elects to purchase, the order under section 7 shall, after purchase, in so far as the ¹[State] Government is concerned, cease to have any further operation.

(7) Not less than two year's notice in writing of any election to purchase under clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-section (2) of this section shall be served upon the promoter by the ¹[State] Government or the local authority, as the case may be.

(8) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, a local authority may, with the previous sanction of the ¹[State] Government waive its option to purchase and enter into an agreement with the promoter for the working by him of the undertaking until the expiration of the next subsequent period mentioned in the order or referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (2), upon such terms and conditions as may be stated in the agreement.

25. Where, on the expiration of any of the periods referred to in section 24, neither the ¹[State] Government nor a local authority purchases the undertaking and the order published under section 7 is, on the application or with the consent of the promoter revoked, the promoter shall have the option of disposing of all lands, buildings, works, materials, plants and apparatus belonging to the undertaking in such manner as he may think fit.

Power of promoter to sell when option to purchase not exercised and order revoked by consent.

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INABILITY OR INSOLVENCY OF PROMOTER

Proceedings in case of inability or insolvency of promoter.

26. (1) If, at any time after the opening of an aerial ropeway, it appears to the '[State] Government that the promoter is insolvent or is unable to maintain the aerial ropeway or to work the same with advantage to the public, or at all, the '[State] Government may, after considering any statement which the promoter may desire to make, and after such enquiry as it deems necessary, declare by notification in the Official Gazette that the powers of the promoter, in respect of such aerial ropeway, shall, at the expiration of six months from the date of such declaration, be at an end, and thereupon the said powers shall, at the expiration of that period, cease and determine.

(2) At any time after the expiration of the said six months an officer appointed by the '[State] Government in that behalf, may remove the aerial ropeway in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as to the payment of costs and to the same remedy for the recovery thereof in every respect as in cases of removal under section 23.

BYE-LAWS

Power of promoter to make bye-laws.

27. (1) A promoter shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) make bye-laws consistent with this Act—

- (a) for regulating the speed at which carriers are to be moved or propelled ;
- (b) for declaring what shall be deemed to be dangerous or offensive goods for regulating the carriage of such goods ;
- (c) for regulating the maximum number of passengers and animals and the maximum weight of goods to be carried in each carrier ;
- (d) for regulating the use of steam power or any other mechanical power or electrical power on the aerial ropeway ;
- (e) for regulating the conduct of the promoter's servants ;
- (f) for regulating the terms and conditions on which the promoter will warehouse or retain goods at any station

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on behalf of the consignee or owner of such goods ;
and

- (g) generally for regulating the travelling upon, and the use, working and management of the aerial ropeway.

(2) Such bye-laws may provide that any person who contravenes the provisions of any of them shall be liable to fine which may extend to any sum not exceeding fifty rupees and that, in the case of a breach of a bye-law made under clause (c) of sub-section (1) the promoter's servant responsible for the same shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one month's pay, which sum may be deducted by the promoter from his pay.

(3) A bye-law made under this section shall not take effect until it has been confirmed by the '[State] Government and published in the Official Gazette:

Provided that no such bye-law shall be so confirmed until it has been previously published by the promoter in such manner as may be prescribed.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

28. A promoter shall in respect of the aerial ropeway submit to the '[State] Government returns of capital and revenue expenditure, receipts, and traffic, at such intervals and in such forms as may be prescribed.

Returns.

29. No promoter shall, in the course of the construction, repair, working or management of an aerial ropeway, cause any permanent injury to any public road, railway, tramway, or waterway, or obstruct or interfere with, otherwise than temporarily as may be necessary, the traffic on any public road, railway, tramway or waterway.

Protection of roads, railways tramways and waterways.

30. The '[State] Government may, if it thinks fit, subject to the provisions of this Act, on the application of any promoter desirous of obtaining any land for the purpose of constructing, extending, working or managing an aerial ropeway, acquire on his behalf such land under

Acquisition of land on behalf of a promoter.

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the provisions of part VII of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, whether the said promoter is or is not a company as defined in the Land Acquisition Act. 1 of 1894.

Notification of claims to refunds of overcharges and to compensation for losses.

31. No person shall be entitled to a refund of an overcharge in respect of animals or goods carried by an aerial ropeway or to compensation for the loss, destruction or deterioration of animals or goods delivered to be so carried, unless his claim to the refund or compensation has been preferred in writing by him or on his behalf to the promoter within six months from the date of the delivery of the animals or goods for carriage by the aerial ropeway.

RULES BY THE ¹[STATE] GOVERNMENT

Power of State Government to make rules.

32. (1) The ¹[State] Government may, after previous publication, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may prescribe—

- (a) the powers and duties of an Inspector appointed under section 11 ;
- (b) the accidents of which notice shall be given to the ¹[State] Government and to the Inspector ;
- (c) the duties of the promoter's servants and of police officers, and magistrates, on the occurrence of an accident ;
- (d) the maximum and minimum rate for various classes of goods which a promoter may fix under section 18 ;
- (e) the standard dimensions and specifications to which the aerial ropeway is to conform ;
- (f) the manner of previous publication of bye-laws made under section 27 ;
- (g) the intervals at which a promoter shall submit returns under section 28 and the forms in which such returns shall be submitted ;
- (h) the manner in which notices under this Act shall be served ;

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- (i) the manner in which and the conditions under which the through booking of goods may be permitted between an aerial ropeway, and railway, tramway or another aerial ropeway ;
- (j) the safe and efficient working of aerial ropeways;
- (k) the conditions under which and the manner in which the powers conferred on promoters by section 14 and section 15 may be exercised ;
- (l) the procedure for the disposal of applications under sub-section (2) of section 21 to reopen an aerial ropeway or part thereof and the conditions under which such aerial ropeway may be reopened ;
- (m) the preparation, submission and auditing of the accounts of the promoter ;
- (n) the method of arbitration for the settlement of disputes ;
- (o) the fees to be charged to promoters and other persons in respect of licenses, applications, enquiries, inspections and services rendered under this Act ; and
- (p) the procedure of making, hearing and disposing of applications under this Act.

(3) All rules made under this section shall be published in the Official Gazette.

OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND ARRESTS

33. If a promoter—

- (a) constructs or maintains an aerial ropeway otherwise than in accordance with the terms of an order made under section 7 ; or
- (b) opens an aerial ropeway or of permits it to be opened in contravention of any of the provisions of section 10 ; or
- (c) fails to comply with the provisions of section 13 ; or

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- (d) fails to pay within a reasonable time any compensation awarded by a Collector under sections 14, 15, 16 or by the ¹[State] Government or a District Judge under section 17 ; or
- (e) contravenes any of the provisions of section 19 ; or
- (f) fails to send notice of any accident as required by section 20 ; or
- (g) fails to close an aerial ropeway in accordance with an order passed under sub-section (1) of section 21 or reopens any aerial ropeway in contravention of sub-section (2) of that section ; or
- (h) continues to exercise the powers of a promoter in respect of any aerial ropeway in contravention of the provisions of section 22 or section 26 ; or
- (i) fails to comply with the provisions of section 27 or section 28 ; or
- (j) contravenes any of the provisions of section 29 ; or
- (k) contravenes the provisions of any rule made under section 32 ;

he shall (without prejudice to the enforcement of specific performance of the requirements of this Act, or of any other remedy which may be obtained against him) be punished with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine which may extend to fifty rupees for every day after the date of the first conviction during which the offender is proved to have persisted in the offence.

34. If a person without lawful excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, wilfully obstructs or impedes any servant of a promoter in the discharge of his duty, he shall be punished with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

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35. If any person without lawful excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, wilfully does any of the following things, namely :—

- (a) interferes with, removes or alters any part of an aerial ropeway or of the works connected therewith ;
- (b) does anything in such manner as to obstruct any carrier travelling on an aerial ropeway ;
- (c) attempts to do or abets, within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code, the doing of anything mentioned in clause (a) or clause (b) ;

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he shall without prejudice to any other remedy which may be obtained against him in a Civil Court, be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

36. If any person does anything mentioned in clause (a), clause (b) or clause (c) of section 35 or does, attempts to do, or abets, within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code, the doing of any other act or thing in relation to an aerial ropeway with intent, or with knowledge that he is likely to endanger the safety of any person travelling or being upon the aerial ropeway, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years.

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Punishment for acts or attempts tending to endanger safety of persons travelling or being upon aerial ropeways.

37. (1) If any person commits any offence under section 34 or section 35 which obstructs the working of an aerial ropeway or commits any offence punishable with imprisonment under section 36, he may be arrested without warrant or other written authority by any servant of the promoter or by any police officer, or by any other person whom such servant or officer may call to his aid.

Arrest for offence against certain sections and procedure thereupon.

(2) A person so arrested shall, with the least possible delay, be taken before a Magistrate having authority to try him or to commit him for trial.