

CHAPTER IV

POSTAGE STAMPS

16.(1) The Government shall cause postage stamps to be provided of such kinds and denoting such values as it may think necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Provision of postage stamps and power to make rules as to them

(2) The Government may make rules as to the supply, sale and use of postage stamps.

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

- (a) fix the price at which postage stamps shall be sold;
- (b) declare the classes of postal articles in respect of which postage stamps shall be used for the payment of postage or other sums chargeable under this Act ;
- (c) prescribe the conditions with regard to perforation, defacement and all other matters subject to which postage stamps may be accepted or refused in payment of postage or other sums;
- (d) regulate the custody, supply and sale of postage stamps;
- (e) declare the persons by whom and the terms and conditions subject to which postage stamps may be sold ; and
- (f) prescribe the duties and remuneration of persons selling postage stamps.

¹[**16A.** The Government may provide for use of franking machine and make rules or supply, use and security of such machine.]

Use of franking machine and power to make rules as to it

17.(1) Postage stamps provided under section 16 shall be deemed to be stamps issued by Government for the purpose of revenue within the meaning of the Penal Code, and, subject to the other provisions of this Act, shall be used for the prepayment of postage or other sums chargeable under this Act in respect of postal articles, accept where the Government directs that prepayment shall be made in some other way.

Postage stamps to be deemed to be stamps for the purpose of revenue

¹ Section 16A was inserted by section 3 of the Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1994 (Act No. V of 1994),.

(2) Where the Government has directed that prepayment of postage or other sums chargeable under this Act in respect of postal articles may be made by prepaying the value denoted by the impressions of stamping machines issued under its authority, the impression of any such machine shall likewise be deemed to be a stamp issued by Government for the purpose of revenue, within the meaning of the Penal Code.

CHAPTER V

CONDITIONS OF TRANSMISSION OF POSTAL ARTICLES

Redelivery to sender or delivery to another addressee at the request of the sender of postal article in course of transmission by post

18.(1) The Government may, by rule, provide for the redelivery to the sender, or delivery to another addressee at the request of the sender without reference to the consent of the addressee and subject to such conditions (if any) as may be deemed fit, of any postal article in course of transmission by post.

(2) Save as provided by any rules that may be made under sub-section (1), the sender shall not be entitled to recall a postal article in course of transmission by post or to ask for its delivery to another addressee.

Transmission by post of anything injurious prohibited

19.(1) Except as otherwise provided by rule and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed thereby, no person shall send by post any explosive, dangerous, filthy noxious or deleterious substance, any sharp instrument not properly protected, or any living creature which is either noxious or likely to injure postal articles in course of transmission by post or any officer of the Post Office.

(2) No person shall send by post any article or thing which is likely to injure postal articles in course of transmission by post or any officer of the Post Office.

Transmission by post of anything indecent, etc. prohibited

20. No person shall send by post,—

- (a) any indecent or obscene printing, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book or card or any other indecent or obscene article, or