

36.(1) Where arrangements are in force with ¹[any foreign country], for the transmission by post of registered, insured or value-payable postal articles between Bangladesh and ²[such country], the Government may make rules to give effect to such arrangements.

Power to give effect to arrangements with other countries

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

- (a) the form of declaration to be made by the senders of such postal articles as aforesaid; and
- (b) the fees to be charged in respect thereof.

CHAPTER VII

UNDELIVERED POSTAL ARTICLES

37.(1) The Government may make rules as to the disposal of postal articles which for any reason cannot be delivered (hereinafter referred to as “undelivered postal articles”).

Power to make rules as to disposal of undelivered postal articles

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

- (a) prescribe the period during which undelivered postal articles at a post office shall remain in that office; and
- (b) provide for the publication of lists of undelivered postal articles, or of any class of undelivered postal articles.

(3) Every undelivered postal article, after being detained at a post office for the period prescribed by rule under the foregoing provisions of this section, shall be either forwarded, free of further charge, to the post office at which it was posted, for return to the sender, or sent to the office of the Post Master General.

¹ The words "any foreign country" were substituted, for the words and commas "the United Kingdom, or with any British possession, Acceding State or foreign country" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

² The words "such country" were substituted, for the words and comma "the United Kingdom or such possession, State or country" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

Disposal of undelivered postal articles at office of Post Master General

38.(1) Every postal article received at the office of the Post Master General under sub-section (3) of section 37 shall be dealt with as follows:-

- (a) if practicable, it shall be redirected and forwarded by post to the addressee; or,
- (b) if it cannot be redirected and forwarded as aforesaid, it shall be opened by some officer, appointed by the Post Master General in this behalf and bound to secrecy, in order to ascertain the name and address of the sender.

(2) If the name and address of the sender are so ascertained, it shall be returned by post to the sender, free of further charge or subject to such further charge as the Government may, by rule, direct.

Final disposal of undelivered postal articles

39. Undelivered postal articles which cannot be disposed of under the foregoing provisions, shall be detained in the office of the Post Master General for such further period (if any), and shall be dealt with in such manner, as the Government may, by rule, direct:

Provided that—

- (a) letters and postcards shall be destroyed;
- (b) money or saleable property, not being of a perishable nature, found in any undelivered postal article, shall be detained for a period of one year in the office of the Post Master General, and, if on the expiration of that period no person has established his right thereto, shall, if money, be credited to the Post Office, and, if saleable property, be sold, the sale-proceeds being credited to the Post Office.

CHAPTER VIII

SHIP LETTERS

Duty of master of ship, departing from any port in Bangladesh, etc., and not being a mail ship, to convey mail bags

40. The master of a ship, not being a mail ship, about to depart from any port in Bangladesh to any port within, or any port or place beyond, Bangladesh shall receive on board any mail bag tendered to him by any officer of the Post Office for conveyance, granting a receipt therefor in such form as the Government may, by rule, prescribe, and shall, without delay, deliver the same at the port or place of destination.