

Navy Act, 1957

Chapter III - Special Provisions Relating to Discipline in Certain Cases

(1) If any person not otherwise subject to naval law enters into an engagement with the Central Government to serve,-

(a) in a particular ship; or

(b) in such particular ship or in such ships as the Central Government, the Chief of the Naval Staff, or the prescribed officer may, from time to time, determine;

and agrees to become subject to naval law upon entering into the engagement, that person shall, so long as the engagement remains in force and notwithstanding that for the time being he may not be serving in any ship, be subject to naval law.

(2) The Central Government may, by order, direct that, subject to such exceptions as may in particular cases be made by or on behalf of the Chief of the Naval Staff, persons of any such class as may be specified in the order shall, while being subject to naval law by virtue of this section, be deemed to be officers, petty officers or other ¹[sailors], as the case may be, for the purposes of this Act or of such provisions of this Act as may be so specified.

1. Substituted for the words "seamen" by the Navy (Amdt.) Act, 1974 (53 of 1974), Section 2 (16-12-1974).

Section 7 - Relations between the members of the Navy, Army and Air Force acting together

(1) When members of the regular Army and the Air Force or of either of these forces are serving with members of the Indian Navy or Indian Naval Reserve Forces under prescribed conditions, then those members of the regular Army or the Air Force shall exercise such command, if any, and be subject to such discipline as may be prescribed.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to authorise the exercise of powers of punishment by members of the regular Army or the Air Force over members of the Indian Navy or the Indian Naval Reserve Forces, except as provided in clause (e) of sub-section (3) of section 93¹[or in such cases and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed].

1. Inserted by the Navy (Amdt.) Act, 1974 (53 of 1974), Section 4 (16-12-1974).

Section 8 - Provision respecting discipline of master of merchant vessel under convoy

(1) Every master or other person for the time being in command of any merchant or other vessel comprised in a convoy under the command of an officer of the Indian Navy shall obey, in all matters relating to the navigation or security of the convoy, any directions which may be given by such officer, and shall take such precautions for avoiding the enemy as may be required by any such directions.

(2) If any such directions are not obeyed, any such officer or any person acting under his orders may compel obedience by force of arms without being liable for any injury or loss of life or any danger to or loss of property resulting therefrom,