

Official Secrets Act, 1923

Section 8 - Duty of Giving Information as to Commission of Offences

(1) It shall be the duty of every person to give on demand to a Superintendent of Police, or the police officer not below the rank of Inspector, empowered by an Inspector-General or Commissioner of Police in this behalf, or to any member of [1](#) [the Armed Forces of the Union] engaged on guard, sentry, patrol or other similar duty, any information in his power relating to an offence or suspected offence, under section 3 or under section 3 read with section 9 and, if so required, and upon tender of his reasonable expenses, to attend at such reasonable time and place as may be specified for the purpose of furnishing such information.

(2) If any person fails to give any such information or to attend as aforesaid, he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to [2](#) [three years] or with fine, or with both.

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950 for "His Majesty's force".

2. Substituted by Act 24 of 1967, section. 8, for "two years".
