

Electricity Act, 1910

Section 37 - POWER FOR BOARD TO MAKE RULES

1) The 134[Central Electricity Board] may make rules, for 135[the whole or any part of the territories to which this Act extends], to regulate the generation, transmission, supply and use of energy, and generally, to carry out the purposes and objects of this Act. (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may- (a) prescribe the form of application for licences and the payments to be made in respect thereof; (b) regulate the publication of notices; (c) prescribe the manner in which objections with reference to any application under Part II are to be made; (d) provide for the preparation and submission of accounts by licensees in a specified form; (e) provide for the securing of a regular, constant and sufficient supply of energy by licensees to consumers and for the testing at various parts of the system of the regularity and sufficiency of such supply, and for examination of the records of such tests by consumers; (f) provide for the protection of persons and property from injury by reason of contact with, or the proximity of, or by reason of the defective or dangerous condition of, any appliance or apparatus used in the generation, transmission supply or use of energy; (g) for the purposes of electric traction regulate the employment of Insulated returns, or of uninsulated metallic returns of low resistance in order to prevent fusion or injurious electrolytic action of or on metallic pipes, structures or substances, and to minimise, as far as is reasonably practicable, injurious interference with the electric wires, supply-lines and apparatus of parties other than the owners of the electric traction system, or with the currents therein, whether the earth is used as a return or not; (h) provide for preventing telegraph-lines and magnetic observatories or laboratories from being injuriously affected by the generation, transmission, supply or use of energy; (i) prescribe the qualifications to be required of 136[Electrical Inspectors]; (j) authorise any 136[Electrical Inspector] or other of a specified rank and class to enter, inspect, and examine the place, carriage or vessel in which he has reason to believe any appliance or apparatus used in the generation, transmission, supply or use of energy to be, and to carry out tests therein, and to prescribe the facilities to be given to such Inspector or officers for the purposes of such examinations and tests 137[* * *]. (k) authorise and regulate the levy of fees for any such testing or inspection and, generally, for the services of 138[Electrical Inspectors] under this Act; 139[and (l) provide for any matter which is to be or may be prescribed.] (3) Any rules made in pursuance of 140[Cl. (e) to (j) (both inclusive) of sub section (2) shall be binding on the Government.] 141[(4)] In making any rule under this Act, the 142[Central Electricity Board] may direct that every breach thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to three hundred rupees, and in the case of a continuing breach, with a further daily fine which may extend to fifty rupees. STATE AMENDMENT Andhra Pradesh.-Insert the Sec. 37-A after Sec. 37 of the Act of 1910- "37- A. Power of State Government to establish bodies for licensing purpose.-The State Government may, by notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, constitute a body or bodies and frame regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or the rules made there under, for its or their procedure for issue of licences, authorisation or permits, as provided in the rules made under Sec. 37". (A.P. Act 26 of 1984, Sec. 2).