

Post Office Act, 1898

Section 23 - Power to deal with postal articles posted in contravention of Act

1) Any postal articles sent by post in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act may be detained and either returned to the sender or forwarded to destination. In each case charged with such additional postage (if any) as the 3 (a) [a] Substituted for the words 'Governor-General in Council' by A.O., 1937. [Central Government] may, by rule, direct. (2) Any officer in charge of a post office or authorized by the Post-Master-General in this behalf may open or unfasten any newspaper or any book, pattern or sample packet, in course of transmission by post, which he suspects to have been sent by post in contravention of 3 (b) [b] Inserted by the Indian Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1912 (3 of 1912), Sec. 3. [(section 20) , clause (a), or of] (section 21) or of any of the provisions of this Act relating to postage. (3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1)- (a) any postal article sent by post in contravention of the provisions of (section 19) 3 (c) [c] Inserted by the Indian Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1958 (7 of 1958), S. 3 (18-3-1958). [or (section 19-A)] may, under the authority of the Post-Master-General, if necessary, be opened and destroyed; and 3 (d) [d] Substituted for the original sub-clause by the Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1912 (3 of 1912), S. 3. [(b) any postal article sent by post in contravention of the provisions of (section 20) may be disposed of in such manner as the Central Government may by rule direct.]