

Post Office Act, 1898

Section 26 - Power to intercept postal articles for public good

1) On the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of the public safety or tranquillity, the 3 (a) [a] Substituted for the words "Governor-General in Council" by A.O., 1937. [Central Government], or a 3 (b) [b] Substituted for the words "Provincial Government" by A.L.O., 1950. [State Government], or any officer specially authorized in this behalf 3 (c) [c] Substituted for the words "by the Governor-General in Council" by A.O., 1937 (1-4-1937). [by the Central or the 3 (b) [b] Substituted for the words "Provincial Government" by A.L.O., 1950. [State Government], may, by order in writing, direct that any postal article or class or description of postal articles in course of transmission by post shall be intercepted or detained, or 3 (d) [d] Substituted for the words "shall be delivered to the Government or to an officer thereof mentioned in the order, to be disposed of in such manner as the Governor-General in Council may direct" by the Indian Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1912 (3 of 1912), S. 6. [shall be disposed of in such manner as the authority issuing the order may direct]. (2) If any doubt arises as to the existence of a public emergency, or as to whether any act done under sub-section (1) was in the interest of the public safety or tranquillity, a certificate 3 (e) [e] Substituted for the words "signed by a secretary to the Government of India, or to the Local Government" by A.O., 1937(1-4-1937). [of the Central Government or, as the case may be, of the 3 (b) [b] Substituted for the words "Provincial Government" by A.L.O., 1950. [State Government]] shall be conclusive proof on the point.