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Fire Force Act, 1964

Chapter VI - Penalties

Any member of the Force who,--

(a) is found to be guilty of any violation of duty or wilful breach of any provision of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder, or

(b) is found to be guilty of cowardice, or

(c) withdraws from the duties of his office without permission or without having given previous notice of at least two months, or 10

(d) being absent on leave fails without reasonable cause to report himself for duty on the expiration of such leave, or

(e) accepts any other employment or office in contravention of the provisions of section 28,

shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to an amount not exceeding three months pay of such members or with both.

Section 23A - Penalty for causing disaffection etc.

1[23A. Penalty for causing disaffection etc.

Whoever intentionally causes or attempts to cause or does any act, which he knows is likely to cause, disaffection towards the Government established by law in India, among the members of the Force, or induces or attempts to induce or does any act which he knows is likely to induce, any member of the Force to withhold his services or to commit a breach of discipline shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both.

Explanation.--Expression of disapprobation of the measures of the Government with a view to obtain their alteration by lawful means, or of the disapprobation of the administrative or other action of the Government, do not constitute an offence under this section unless they cause or are made for the purpose of causing or likely to cause disaffection.]

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1. Inserted by Act 40 of 1994 w.e.f. 10.10.1994.

Section 24 - Failure to give information

Any person who without just cause fails to communication information in his possession regarding an outbreak of fire as required by section 37, shall be punishable with simple imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both.

Section 25 - Failure to take precautions

Whoever fails without reasonable cause to comply with any of the requirements specified in a notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 13 or of a direction issued under sub-section (2) of

that section shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

Section 26 - Wilfully obstructing fire-fighting operations

Any person who wilfully obstructs or interferes with any member of the Force who is engaged in fire-fighting operations shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both.

Section 27 - False report

Any person who knowingly gives or causes to be given a false report of the outbreak of a fire to any person authorised to receive such report by means of a treatment, message or otherwise shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both.

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