

Extracts from the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008 (7 of 2009)

SECTION 5 (a)

Power of Statistics officer to call for information or returns

The Statistics officer may serve or cause to be served on any informant a notice in writing asking him to furnish the information specified under sub-section [5] of section 4 (specify form or particulars required) or cause information schedule to be given to any informant for the purpose of its being filled up in respect of statistics is to be collected.

SECTION 8

Right of access to records or documents

The statistics officer or any person authorized by him in writing in this behalf shall, for the purposes of the collection of any statistics under this Act, have access to any relevant record or document in the possession of any informant required to furnish any information under this Act and may enter at any reasonable time any premises where he believes such record or document is kept and may inspect or take copies of relevant records or documents or ask any question necessary for obtaining any information required to be furnished under this Act.

SECTION 15-19

Offences and penalties

15 (1) Whoever, fails to produce any books of accounts, vouchers, documents or other business records or whoever neglects or refuses to fill in and supply the particulars required in any information schedule or return given or sent to him or whoever neglects or refuses to answer any question or inquiry addressed to him as may be required under or for the purposes of any provision of this Act and the rules made there under, shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or, in the case of a company, with a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees.

(2) The conviction of a person or company for an offence shall not relieve him or it of the obligation under sub-section (1) and if after the expiry of fourteen days from the date of conviction, he or it still fails to give the required particulars or continues to neglect or refuses to fill in and supply the particulars or to answer the question or inquiry, than he or it shall be punishable with a further fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or, in the case of a company, with a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, for each day after the first during which the failure continues.

16. Whoever, wilfully makes any false or misleading statement or material omission in any information schedule or return filled in or supplied , or in answer to any question asked to him under this Act or the rules made there under, shall be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or, in the case of a company, with a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both.

17. Whoever, destroys, defaces, removes, or mutilates any information schedule, form or other document containing particulars collected under this act or requesting any such particulars,

shall be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six month or with a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or, in case of a company with a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.

18. Whoever, interferes with, hinders, or obstructs any employee in the exercise of any power or duty conferred by this act, shall be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or, in the case of a company with a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.

19. Whoever:-

- a) acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision of this act for any requirement imposed under this Act, or
- b) wilfully deceives or attempts to deceive any statistics officer or any agency or any employee thereof,

shall be punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees for, in case of a company, with a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.