THE SEARCH (SPECIAL POWER) ACT, 1947.

[Burma Act No. LXXXV of 1947.]

[31st December 1947.]

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act shall remain in force until such date as the Governor may by notification declare it to be no longer in force.

2. In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—
   (i) "vehicle" means any vehicle used, or capable of being used, for the purpose of road transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise, and whether used for drawing other vehicles or otherwise, and includes a tram-car and a trolley-vehicle; and
   (ii) "place" includes a house, building, tent, vehicle and aircraft.

3. (1) The Governor may by general or special order empower any person to—
   (a) stop and search any vessel found in inland waterways or any vehicle;
   (b) search any place or person, and seize anything which he has reason to believe has been, is being, or is about to be, used for any purpose prejudicial to the maintenance of public safety or order, or of the supplies or services essential to the life of the community, or which belongs to Government and in respect of which an offence has been, is being, or is about to be committed.

   (2) Any person empowered under sub-section (1) shall forthwith report to the Governor in detail any seizure made by him and, pending the receipt of his orders may detain in custody anything so seized or take such other order for its safe custody as he may think proper.

   (3) Anything seized by a person empowered under sub-section (1), shall be disposed of in such manner as the Governor may direct.

   (4) A person empowered by the Governor under sub-section (1) may authorize any other person to exercise like powers to his own in the whole or any part of the area in respect of which the Governor has empowered him.

4. The Governor may by order direct that any power which is conferred upon him by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 shall, subject to such conditions as may be specified therein, be exercised by such officer or authority as he may specify.

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