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16			Powers and duties of the Administrator generally.
	2		Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained in sub-section (1), the Administrator may
		(a)	carry on the business or undertaking of a specified person;
		(b)	enter or authorise any person to enter on any land or premises to inspect any abandoned property;
		(c)	take all such measures as may be necessary to keep any abandoned property in good repair;
		(d)	direct any person, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force relating to the disclosure of any information by a public servant or any other person, to furnish such return, account or other information in relation to any property and to produce such documents as the Administrator considers necessary for the discharge of his duties under this Act;
		(e)	search, or authorise any other person to search, any building or place in which the Administrator has reason to believe that any abandoned property or any document tending to show that any person is a specified person or that any property is abandoned property is being kept or concealed and take possession thereof;
		(f)	determine the rent to be recovered from a person found in unauthorised occupation of abandoned property for the period of such occupation;
		(g)	create a charge on abandoned property;
		(h)	incur or allow any expenditure to be incurred in the prescribed manner including the payment of taxes, duties, cesses and rates to the Government or to any local authority or of any debt due by a specified person or any claim against him after satisfying himself as to the genuineness of such due or claim;
		(i)	demolish or dismantle any abandoned property which in the opinion of the Administrator cannot be repaired;
		(j)	evict with such force as may be necessary an unauthorised occupant of abandoned property or an occupant of such property to whom it has been let out by or on behalf of the Administrator and who makes default in paying the rent for such property or otherwise commits a breach of the terms on which it is let out;
		(k)	invest in any security approved by the Federal Government or in the prescribed manner any money held by him.
19			Maintenance of accounts by Administrator.
	1		The Administrator shall maintain a separate account of each abandoned property of which he has taken possession, and shall cause to be made therein entries of all receipts and expenditure in respect thereof. Any surplus of receipts over the actual expenditure in a year shall be remitted to the Federal Consolidated Fund.

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29			Power of Federal Government to take action with regard to abandoned property
	1		Federal Government may for the purpose of regulating the administration of any abandoned property, make such orders or direct such action to be taken in relation thereto as in its opinion the circumstances of the case require and as is not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act.
	2		The sale proceeds of abandoned property, including the amounts already received, shall be deposited in the Federal Consolidated Fund: Provided that the deposited amounts shall in the prescribed manner be refunded in the light of any court order, international settlement, etc."