

A N N E X U R E - II

Extracts of Section 3 sub-section (c) and  
Section 5 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955

Powers to control production, supply, distribution,  
etc. of essential commodities.

3.(1) If the Central Government is of opinion that **it is** necessary or expedient so to do for maintaining or increasing supplies of any essential commodity or for securing their equitable distribution and availability at fair prices, it may, by order, provide for regulating or prohibiting the production, supply and distribution thereof and trade and commerce therein.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) an order made thereunder may provide -

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(c) for controlling the price at which any essential commodity may be bought or sold;

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Delegation of powers

5. The Central Government may, by notified order, direct that the power to make orders under section 3 shall, in relation to such matters and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the direction be exercisable also by -

- (a) such officer or authority subordinate to the Central Government, or
- (b) such State Government or such officer or authority subordinate to a State Government.

as may be specified in the direction.