

The Essential Commodities Act, 1955

Section 2 - Definitions.?In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,?

1955. (2) It extends to the whole of India 2***. [(ia) Collector includes an Additional Collector and such other officer, not below the rank 3 of Sub-Divisional Officer, as may be authorised by the Collector to perform the functions and exercise the powers of the Collector under this Act;] 4 * * * * * (b) food-crops include crops of sugarcane; (c) notified order means an order notified in the Official Gazette; 5 [(cc) order includes a direction issued thereunder;] 6 [(d) State Government, in relation to a Union territory, means the administrator thereof;] 5 [(e) sugar means (i) any form of sugar containing more than ninety per cent, of sucrose, including sugar candy; (ii) khandsari sugar or bura sugar or crushed sugar or any sugar in crystalline or powdered form; or (iii) sugar in process in vacuum pan sugar factory or raw sugar produced therein.] [2A. Essential commodities declaration etc.(1) For the purposes of this Act, essential 7commodity means a commodity specified in the Schedule. (2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (4), the Central Government may, if it is satisfied thatit is necessary so to do in the public interest and for reasons to be specified in the notificationpublished in the Official Gazette, amend the Schedule so as to (a) add a commodity to the said Schedule; (b) remove any commodity from the said Schedule,Section 1 - in consultation with the State Governments