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The Essential Commodities Act, 1955

Section 10 - Offences by companies.?

1) If the person contravening an order made under section 3 is acompany, every person who, at the time the contravention was committed, was in charge of, and wasresponsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company as well as the company,shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against andpunished accordingly: Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to anypunishment if he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or that he exercisedall due diligence to prevent such contravention. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act hasbeen committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consentor connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or

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