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Essential Commodities Act, 1955

Section 11 - Cognizance of Offences

No Court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act except on a report in writing of the facts constituting such offence made by a person who is a public servant as defined in section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860)¹[or any person aggrieved or any recognised consumer association, whether such person is a member of that association or not].

¹[Explanation.--For the purposes of this section and section 12AA, "recognised consumer association" means a voluntary consumer association registered under the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) or any other law for the time being in force.]

STATE AMENDMENT

²Uttar Pradesh

In section 11, for the words "by a person who is a public servant as defined in section 21 of the Indian Penal Code," substitute the words "by order of, or under authority from the District Magistrate or such other officer as may be empowered by the State Government by general or special order in this behalf."

1. Inserted by Act 73 of 1986, section 2 (w.e.f. 1-5-1987).

2. Vide Uttar Pradesh Act 9 of 1974, section 7 (w.e.f. 24-4-1974).
