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The Essential Commodities Act, 1955

Section 4 - Clause

a) omitted by Act 54 of 2006, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 12-2-2007). Earlier clause (a) was amended by Act 30 of 1974, sec. 2 (w.r.e.f. 22-6-1974). Clause (a), before omission by Act 54 of 2006, stood as under: (a) "essential commodity" means any of the following classes of commodities: "(i) cattle fodder, including oilcakes and other concentrates; (ii) coal including coke and other derivatives; (iii) component parts and accessories of automobiles; (iv) cotton and woollen textiles; (v) drugs. Explanation. " In this sub-clause, "drug" has the meaning assigned to it in clause (b) of section 3 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940); (vi) foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and oils; (vii) iron and steel, including manufactured products of iron and steel; (viii) paper, including newsprint, paperboard and straw board; (ix) petroleum and petroleum products; (x) raw cotton, whether ginned or unginned, and cotton seed; (xi) raw jute; (xii) any other class of commodity which the Central Government may, by notified order, declare to be an essential commodity for the purposes of this Act, being a commodity with respect to which Parliament has power to make laws by virtue of entry 33 in List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution;