

# DM's can invoke National Security Act

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The Goa Government authorized district magistrates to exercise powers under NSA for three months citing the prevailing circumstances in the state.

## **About NSA:**

# **Purpose and Objective:**

oEnacted to prevent individuals from acting in a manner prejudicial to India's security, public order, or essential supplies.

oDesigned as a preventive detention law, allowing authorities to detain a person before the commission of an offence if deemed a threat.

# **Authority and Administration:**

oState Governments and Central Government can order preventive detention.

oDetention orders are usually issued by District Magistrates, Divisional Commissioners, or the Home Secretary.

#### **Period of Detention:**

oInitial detention: Up to 12 months (varies by state and circumstances).

oAdvisory Board Review: A board of High Court judges reviews the detention within 3 months.

oCan be extended with government approval.

### **Grounds for Detention:**

oActions prejudicial to the security of India.

oActs disrupting public order.

oObstruction to essential supplies (food, water, medicine, fuel).

## Safeguards and Rights:

oAdvisory Board review of detention.

oDetained person can make representation to the government.

oPeriodic reporting to ensure compliance with legal and human rights standards.

# **Constitutional Provisions:**

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