



KAMARAJ IAS ACADEMY
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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:

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

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

Authority and Administration:

- o State Governments and Central Government can order preventive detention.

- o Detention orders are usually issued by District Magistrates, Divisional Commissioners, or the Home Secretary.

Period of Detention:

- o Initial detention: Up to 12 months (varies by state and circumstances).

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

- o Can be extended with government approval.

Grounds for Detention:

- o Actions prejudicial to the security of India.

- o Acts disrupting public order.

- o Obstruction to essential supplies (food, water, medicine, fuel).

Safeguards and Rights:

- o Advisory Board review of detention.

- o Detained person can make representation to the government.

- o Periodic reporting to ensure compliance with legal and human rights standards.

Constitutional Provisions:

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oBased on Article 22(3) & (4) of the Constitution, which allows preventive detention for up to 3 months without parliamentary approval and longer with legislative sanction.