

**THE PREVENTION OF BLACKMARKETING AND MAINTENANCE OF  
SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014**

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further to amend the Prevention Of Blackmarketing And Maintenance of Supply of Essential Commodities Act, 1980.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of the Republic of India as follows:—

<b>Substitution of words</b>	<b>1.</b> In Section 3, subsection (3) of the principal Act, the following words shall be substituted:—	
<b>Time limit for approval of detention order</b>	The words “twelve days” shall be substituted by the words “ fifteen days”.	
<b>Substitution of words</b>	<b>2.</b> In Section 3, subsection (4) of the principal Act, the following words shall be substituted:—	
<b>Time limit for Reporting detention to Central Government</b>	The words “ seven days” shall be substituted by the words “ fifteen days” .	
<b>Avoiding overlapping powers</b>	<b>3.</b> In Section 8, after sub-section(2), of the principal Act, the following shall be inserted;  Section 8(3): “Representation, if any, either from the detainee or from any person including a relative, a friend or an advocate on behalf of the detainee may be preferred to the Central Government only after the State Government confirms the said detention order under Section 12 (1).”	
<b>Substitution of words</b>	<b>4.</b> In Section 13, sub-section (1) of the principal Act, the following words shall be substituted:—	
<b>Maximum period of detention</b>	The words “ six months” shall be substituted by the words “ twelve months” .	
<b>Insertion of words</b>	<b>5.</b> In Section 14 of the principal Act, the following words shall be inserted after the words “ General Clauses Act, 1897 ( 10 of 1897)”, :— “and notwithstanding anything contained in Section 8, sub-section (3) of the principal Act,”	
<b>Overriding powers to Central Government for revocation of detention order, if satisfied</b>		

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