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ABSTRACT:

This paper presents the provisions, types, dimensions etc. about the emergency provisions in world's lengthiest and most detailed constitutions. It contains provisions to address extraordinary situations that may threaten the security, stability, or integrity of the nation. These provisions relating to emergencies establish a legal framework through which the government can respond effectively to crises, while simultaneously safeguarding the democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution. This paper aims to provide a concise overview of the emergency provisions within the Indian Constitution.

INTRODUCTION:

The emergency provision in the Constitution India i.e. Bharat is an “own kind” federal republic. During an emergency, it possesses unitary functionality. That’s why Dr. B. R Ambedkar declared the Indian Federal structure special because throughout an emergency it becomes fully unitary.¹

In an emergency, the mechanism becomes a unitary trait as the constitutional apparatus fails. Part XVIII of the Constitution, Article 352 to 360 includes the emergency provisions. The word emergency can be described as an unexpectedly occurring situation that causes public authorities to act instantly within their particular powers. The emergency is a disturbance from which a human’s civil rights, except perhaps in Article 20 and 21, are removed. An emergency is due to the breakdown of the administrative machinery that triggers or allows the government to urgently respond. “Emergency, according to the Black Law Dictionary, demands urgent intervention and imminent warning because such a circumstance poses a

danger to people and liberty within the region. The socioeconomic structure struggles to achieve fair working standards. The definition of emergency has become a political phenomenon. The key idea of creating clear legislative arrangements for crises was to safeguard against the accidental advent of autocracy in conjunction with domestic chaos, foreign assault, or war. There is indeed a different aspect for all the emergency clauses contained in the Constitution Of India. Consequently, Part XVIII is an aspect of our Constitutional creativity. Often a country is surpassed by incidents and powers that place its stability and the wellbeing of its people critically at risk. It is unpredictable. Such conditions could entail the temporary suspension of the individual freedoms of people

¹ <https://blog.ipleaders.in/emergency-india/>



to resolve the threats facing the world. Democratic regimes are brought in emergency situations into a real problem by having a clash among their primary duty to protect the dignity of the government and their similarly significant responsibility to defend the human interests of their people and those beyond their competence.² The State is obligated to choose between opposing sacrifices. This is the reason for emergency provisions that are set down for the revocation of protected constitutional rights in certain national constitutions. Emergency steps are a peculiar aspect of the Indian Constitution, which enables the Center to assume expansive powers to deal with particular situations. Any state can be completely managed by the Center in an emergency. It also permits the Center to suspend citizens' rights through the emergency clause. There are significant reasons why scholars refuse to name the Constitution of India completely democratic. The constitution contains emergence clauses. The way natural Federalism will respond to an emergency situation is a noteworthy aspect of the Constitution Of India. Consequently, declaring an emergency is a very critical topic that has a negative impact on people's freedom. It must however only be released under extraordinary conditions. A President can proclaim an emergency in compliance with Article 352(1), if he is comfortable that there is a security concern to or part of India. The problem under consideration will be whether the President's happiness is justifiable or not. "In a variety of occasions, the courts have discussed the effect of the declaration of an emergency on compulsory incarceration, the effect of the revocation of Article 19 of the Emergency Proclamation and on the effect, according to Article 359, of the President's order. These decisions are debated as and where necessary." Dr. B.R. Ambedkar advocated the idea of India as a federal republic, stating that even though citizen's are split into separate nations, they are representatives of India, which really is a federation of the countries. The concession of emergency powers was debated but Dr. Ambedkar said those papers would never work and remained dead letters. However, it was seen that Article 356 is furthermore violated, abused but scarcely used.³

Types of emergency in the Indian Constitution :

The State may override the different individual freedoms in the presidential state of emergency and enforce those federal standards in Section XVIII of the Constitution. Article

352 to Article 360 of the Indian Constitution allows for emergency arrangements.

² <https://www.mea.gov.in/Images/pdf1/Part18.pdf?shem=ssc>

³ https://eparlib.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/58673/1/Eminent_Parliamentarians_Series_BR_Ambedkar_Eng

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- National emergency (Article 352)
- State emergency (Article 356)
- Financial emergency (Article 360)

National emergency

Article 352 of the Constitution stipulates national emergency. National emergency. The national emergency coincides with statutory requirements to be enforced when an unusual situation affects or threatens part of the nation's harmony, defense, prosperity, and administration.

In compliance with Article 352 of the Constitution, emergency implementation when conditions preceding were also present-

- (i) Attack,
- (ii) External intrusion or
- iii) Internal rebellion.

Article 352 states that if, because of outside aggression or armed revolt, the President is 'comfortable' that a dangerous situation occurs which endangers the protection of India or indeed any portion of it, he will make a declaration in that respect with or for almost all of India. Such a declaration, though, may only be made through authorized advice of the cabinet of the Nation in clause 3. Such a declaration must be put before the legislative house and accepted from each chamber, or it will lapse after a month from the declaration.⁴

National emergencies in India

During the War with China, the first emergency was proclaimed and lasted for six years between October 1962 and January 1968. The battle against China concluded on 21 October 1962, but another war against Pakistan only began after the emergency. In the end, the Tashkent deal was reached after international pressure and in January the then government dropped the emergency. The second emergency declaration was due to the war between India and Pakistan. Three acts were performed during that time. Maintenance of SA, Coffee

POS Act, and in order to avoid arrest it was decided to retain the Govt Protection of the Rule. However, these three actions were extensively grossly overused, and numerous convictions, jail shootings, and gatherings were observed this time. The war with Pakistan came to an end, but the emergency persisted, and before the second emergency was revoked 3rd emergency was declared. The third emergency has been proclaimed due to internal

⁴ Constitution of India by D.D. Basu



unrest and this is India's most contentious emergency. The polls at which the court considered Smt. Indira Gandhi was barred from public service for six years to be engaged in unethical practices it was held in the Allahabad High Court. She had brought the judgment to the Supreme court, but the court had been on holiday at that moment. On 25 June 1975, the Historical day, Smt. Indira Gandhi wrote to then-Honourable President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed a message to declare an emergency, despite the approval of the members of the cabinet. The much more stringent and compressed emergency was this emergency. On 23 March 1977, it was withdrawn.⁵ In the case of *Minerva Mills vs the Indian Union*, the legitimacy of the president's motivation and determination through Article 351 is not impeded by judicial review. However, the jurisdiction of the Court is confined to investigating is not whether the restrictions of the Constitution were met. It will decide whether or not the President's happiness is true. It is not at all happiness, where fulfillment is founded on mistrust, irony, or irrelevance.⁶

The procedure of proclaiming emergency

The President of the country can make a statement, but there is just something that is already provided for. Only if the Cabinet requests in writing that the President order quite an emergency. The Houses of Parliament must, by an overwhelming vote, approve quite an emergency declaration, and perhaps even the 2/3rd majority of the members present and voting inside one month, or the declaration shall stop functioning.

“If Lok Sabha is abolished or would not be at an Emergency management meeting, it shall be accepted in the month and subsequently in the month after the beginning of this next meeting by Rajya Sabha. The emergency continues to exist six years after the date of declaration until ratification by Parliament.” Which ought to be continued after six months, the Legislature must enact another provisional decision. This proved to be an emergency forever.⁷

The procedure of revoking emergency

The President of India may revoke the emergency by another declaration if the condition improves. The 44th constitutional amendment requires ten percent or more Lok Sabha leaders to share an application for and in the meeting of the Lok Sabha; they may disagree

with the emergency, or cancel it by a mere majority. In such an incident, it is unserviceable automatically.⁸

⁵ <https://www.legalserviceindia.com/legal/article-1187-national-emergency.html?shem=ssc>

⁶ *Minera Mills and Others v. Association of India and Ors.* AIR 1980SC 1789

⁷ <https://www.legalserviceindia.com/legal/article-1187-national-emergency.html?shem=ssc>

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State emergency

The Union Government's responsibility is to ensure that perhaps the administration of a State takes action in accordance with the Constitution's requirements. Article 356 states that, whether, on the reception of a briefing from the Governor of the State, and otherwise, the President is pleased that a state government is unable to carry on in a smooth manner, a state emergency declaration may be issued by that Leader.

In this case, the President's declaration of emergency is labelled 'announcement because of the breakdown (or collapse) of legislative mechanisms.' An emergency of this kind may have the following effects:

1. The President, with the exception of the High Court, may assume all or any of the responsibilities of state governments;
2. Announce that state legislative powers should be exercised by, or under, Parliament's responsibility;
3. Make the declaration subject matter necessary or suitable for its execution.

Nevertheless, the President is not allowed to presume or terminate any statutory obligation relating to the High Court. The President of India has instituted a 126-fold rule in India until 2018. The presidential rule has been used for a record of 35 occasions under Indira Gandhi's rule.⁹

The procedure of proclaiming state emergency

Such an announcement, like the National Emergency, should have been sent for ratification before all the Houses of Parliament. Permission must be issued in this situation within two months; therefore the declaration shall cease operating. If the Lok Sabha is disbanded after some of these two months and has been authorized by the Rajya Sabha then the resolution shall cease to function on the 30th day after its restoration on the date of the first session of the Lok Sabha because if the Lok Sabha has been approved well before expiry. An announcement so authorized immediately stops to act at the end of a six-month cycle

following the date of the announcement, until withdrawn. Without revocation, its life can be prolonged by six months, most times but not after three years. Afterward, the Reign of the President has to be finished and the State has to restore regular legislative machinery. A new clause was added in the 44th Amendment, which restricted Parliament's

⁹ <https://blog.ipleaders.in/emergency-india/>



jurisdiction to the degree of an announcement made after 1 year under Article 356.¹⁰

The procedure of revoking state emergency

Any such declaration can by a subsequent proclamation be repealed or varied. In each of the following forms, a proclamation made in compliance with Article 356(1) expires:

1. Unless accepted before both Houses of Parliament within two months of its creation [Article 356(3)].
2. In case of failure to gain the consent of either House within two months after sending the declaration to the Houses of Parliament [Article 356(3)].
3. If no other proposal is adopted by the House of Parliament, following the adoption of a first proposal [Article 356(4)], following six months from the date of the declaration.

Subject to the overall maximum limit of three years from the date of the declaration following six months from the date of the passing of the last resolutions authorizing the Chamber of Parliament. The following conditions contained in article 356(5) must be fulfilled to extend the proclamation after one year:

- Global Disaster in place already; or whether
- The Electoral Commission classifies that it cannot hold elections to the Legislative Council.
- The date on which the proclamation of revocation is issued by the President [Article 356(2)].¹¹

Emergency provisions: effects and impact

Dicey says federalism is weak as it requires power-sharing between the centre. This is a dysfunctional democratic government. Even so, all existing federations managed to escape this deficiency by ensuring the federal government assumes extraordinary leverage where there is a need, because of emerging new internal or external conditions, for concerted intervention. [The Constitution Of India] gives exceptional power to the union for specific forms of emergency. The constitutional main sources of energy authorize the federal

government, as necessary, to achieve the power of a unitary structure.

¹⁰ <https://blog.ipleaders.in/emergency-india/>

¹¹ <https://blog.ipleaders.in/emergency-india/>



The Indian Constitution provides for three distinct types of irregular conditions that require that the constitution created a divergence from the usual legislative machinery:

1. A war-related emergency, an outside invasion or armed revolt [Article 352]. It is also recognized as a national pressing matter.
2. Failure of states with legislative machinery [Article 356]. Established as the Presidential Guideline, too.
3. Financial Emergency [Article 360].¹²

Perspective Of judicial review

In accordance with Article 356, a declaration is subject to a past competition on the basis that power is a power that is oppressive in accordance with Article 356(1). The Judiciary is eligible for examination in the operation of judicial review strength if the criteria are met. But the argument really centers around court's degree and depth."

"From the judgments on account of State of Rajasthan v. Association of India and the Bommai case, unmistakably there can't be a uniform principle relevant to all cases, it will undoubtedly change contingent on the topic, nature of the right, and different components. Nonetheless, where it is conceivable the presence of fulfillment can generally be tested on the ground that it is mala fides or dependent on entirely unessential and immaterial grounds."¹³

"The pertinence of judicial review in issues including Article 356 is additionally underscored in the Supreme Court judgment in re State of Madhya Pradesh v. Bharat Singh, where the Supreme Court held that it was not blocked from striking down a law passed preceding a Proclamation of Emergency, as ultra vires to the Constitution, in light of the fact that the Proclamation was in power around then."¹⁴

"Judicial review of the Proclamation under Article 356(1) was first tried in State of Rajasthan v. Association of India, in which a bench of seven judges of the Supreme Court by a consistent judgment dismissed the applicant request and maintained the centre's decision of dissolving three assemblies under Article 356 as intrinsically legitimate."

"The Supreme Court, on account of **Minerva Mills and Others v. Association of India and Others**, harped broadly on its capacity to analyse the legitimacy of a Proclamation of

Emergency given by the President.” In dealing with this matter, the Judicial Branch should not neglect, among other things, that it should fulfill its existing

¹² <https://blog.ipleaders.in/emergency-india/>

¹³ S R Bommai V/s Union of India on 11 March 1994

¹⁴ Rajasthan Vs. Bharat Sing AIR 1967 SC 1170



obligation because it requires reflecting on political matters.

At the same time, it should restrict itself to reviewing whether the preconditions set out in Article 352 were found in the declaration of the Proclamation, and not whether the existing situations and requirements of statutory enforcement in the case of an emergency were sufficient. It must also be assumed that the Presidential Declaration, while limited, is subject to judicial review pursuant to Article 356.

“The latest case which chose the degree of judicial review of the Proclamation by the President forcing President’s Rule in the states and united the lawful situation on the abstract fulfillment of the President is **S.R. Bommai v Union of India** was a landmark throughout the entire existence of the Indian Constitution. It was for this situation that the Supreme Court intensely set apart the worldview and constraints inside which Article 356 was to work. In the expressions of Soli Sorabjee, prominent legal jurist and former Solicitor-General of India, After the Supreme Court’s judgment in the S. R. Bommai case, it is all around settled that Article 356 is an outrageous force and is to be utilized if all else fails in situations where it is shown that there is a stalemate and the sacred hardware in a State has imploded.”¹⁵

Financial emergency

The financial emergency provided for in Article 360, is the third kind of emergency. It stipulates that even if the President is convinced that India or any of its economic stability or credibility is at risk, he may declare a financial emergency. The executive and legislative competencies would take center stage

in such a circumstance. It must also be accepted by Parliament, as some of the other 2 emergencies. Both Members of Parliament must approve it within two months. As long as the process requires, the financial catastrophe can exist and might even be lifted with a corresponding declaration.

This Article has never been used.

A declaration is given pursuant to Art. 360—

- a corresponding proclamation may be withheld or varied

- every House of Parliament shall be placed before it
- ceases to exist at the completion of two months, except as authorized in resolutions of the two Houses of Parliament even before the expiration of that time.¹⁶

¹⁵ S R Bommai V/s Union of India on 11 March 1994

¹⁶ Constitution of India by D.D. Basu



Effects of national emergency

The establishment of national emergencies has an effect both on people's interests and on the sovereignty of states:

1. The key consequence is that the constitution's style of federalism becomes unitary. The Center's powers are increasing and the Parliament assumes authority, except in the fields alluded to in the State List, to make legislation for the whole country or part thereof.
2. The Government of India is willing to provide orders to the countries about how to exercise their executive authority.
3. The Lok Sabha will prolong the tenure by one year at a time during an emergency era. But the same could be expanded beyond 6 months after the expiration of the proclamation. It is possible to prolong the term of state legislatures in the same way.
4. The President is allowed during an emergency to change the laws on the allocation between the Union and the States of wealth.
5. Under Article 19, human rights shall immediately be revoked and this restriction shall extend until the conclusion of the emergency.

But according to the 44th amendment only in case of a declaration on the grounds of war or external invasion, liberties specified under Article 19 can be restricted. Everything becomes clear from the debate above that emergencies not only suspend the sovereignty of the States but also make the federal system of India unitary. It remains important because of its comprehensive powers to deal with these irregular circumstances for the Union Government.¹⁷

Effect of state emergency

The emergency declaration triggered by the dissolution of a state's legislative machinery has the beneficial specifications:

1. The President may take over all or any of the positions of the State Government or can appoint the Governor or any other administrative authority for all or any of these roles.
2. The President is allowed to dissolve or terminate the State Legislative Assembly.

On behalf of the Government Legislature, he will authorize Parliament to enact laws.

3. To give effect to the intent of the declaration, the President may make any more

¹⁷ Constitution of India by D.D. Basu



adverse or subsequent clause appropriate.

Effects of financial emergency

A financial emergency declaration could have the following implications:

1. The government of the Union may provide guidance in economic affairs to all the other States.
2. The President can recommend that the States minimize the wages and benefits of any or all levels of the government officials.
3. After the State Legislature has approved them, the President can order States to allocate all the money bills for Parliamentarians attention.
4. The President may provide instruction to the national government personnel, including supreme court judges and the high courts, to reduce their pay and compensation.¹⁸

1 Fundamental rights vs. emergency

When the President is convinced that a real emergency occurs whereby war, external invasion, or armed insurrection threatens India's or indeed any part of its territories, he may declare a state of exception within Article 352.¹⁹

Constitutional emergency in the states

If the President is pleased by the receiving of a letter from the Governor and that therefore the Government of a State is not permitted to show an emergency in compliance with the constitutional provisions.

Suspension of fundamental rights

“During the period of emergency, as declared under either of the two categories discussed

above, the State is empowered to suspend the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution. The term ‘State’ is used here in the same sense in which it has been used in the Chapter on Fundamental Rights. It means that the power to suspend the operation of these Fundamental Rights is vested not only in Parliament but also in the Union Executive and even in subordinate authority. Further, the Constitution empowers the President to suspend the right to move any court of law for the enforcement of any of the Fundamental Rights. It means that virtually the whole Chapter on Fundamental

¹⁸ <https://www.legalserviceindia.com/legal/article-1187-national-emergency.html?shem=ssc>

¹⁹ Constitution of India by D.D. Basu



Rights can be suspended during the operation of the emergency.” Such a directive must, nevertheless, be sent to Parliament for its acceptance as quickly as possible. The restriction of human rights in the case of an emergency can indeed be prohibited in any situation, though, in the event of Articles 20 and 21. It would have been an error to handle human rights as if a balance had to be established regarding human rights and other protection and sustainability priorities. According to Kofi Annan human rights initiatives, both for our spiritual status and for the realistic use of our action – moral rights, which are made legitimate by the Constitution, are basic rights. These basic human protections are rights in the best way. Their civil and constitutional privileges are different since they cannot be constrained by common usefulness. The basic nature of these privileges is that they’ve been promised to protect the integrity of a person even though the majority is doing worse. Invasion of these rights means that a man is not regarded as a man. This is an incredibly serious issue. This is a serious inequality and the increased government reform expense or the effectiveness required to avoid it is worth the money.²⁰

Origin and background

“An emergency proclamation seems to be a very serious issue since it infuriates the normal structure of the Constitution and negatively impacts individual freedom. Consequently, such a declaration should only be issued in exceptional conditions and not simply to keep an unsympathetic governing party from its office. In June 1975, an emergency in connection with internal disturbance was proclaimed without sufficient justification.” This was done by the Commission. The 1975 declaration was based on internal disturbances, which were the most problematic because there was a widespread violation of basic rights for the people. Many people are placed without justification in pre-trial detention. The 44th amending act on the emergency constitutional provisions, therefore, made it even more difficult, if not extremely difficult, to re-examine the circumstance 1975 in light of those amendments. The forty-fourth amendment. The 44th amendment considerably changed the Constitution’s emergency provisions so that the executive did not harm it as Mrs. Indira Gandhi did in 1975. It also re-established some changes made by the 42nd amendment. In this amendment, there are key elements:

- The “armed rebellion” as defined in Art 352, replaced the internal disturbance.

- The Cabinet shall inform the Cabinet in written work of the decision to declare an emergency.

²⁰ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2009/10/statement-mr-kofi-annan-secretary-general-united-nations-opening-fifty-fourth>



- Houses shall be issued an emergency declaration within such a month.
- The residences should be re-approved every six months to proceed with the urgent situation.
- The urgency can be annulled by a simple majority of the houses present and voting in this regard by adopting settlement. Such a resolution may be moved by one-10 house members.
- Article 358 provides that only war and external violence and not armed insurrections shall be put in abeyance by Article 19. In addition, any statute that contradicts Article 19 needs to repeat the relation with Article 358. If they break Article 19, some other laws can also be questioned.
- Article 359, stipulates that the freedom to transfer courts shall not be revoked unless they have violated Section III, but Articles 20 and 21 will not be included.
- Brought back from 6 to 5 years the term Lok Sabha.²¹

2 CONCLUSION:

It is clear to see, after grappling with all procedural requirements, what the objective was to create those stipulations usable first and foremost in the Constitution. However, although we did our analysis for the same reason, we did note that even though the laws on national security and citizen's welfare are accounted for in these regions, the regulations alone give the Executive a lot of dramatic latitudes. It primarily impacts the nation's territorial system and makes it majoritarian, thus seeking to defend the needs of the community and the individual. While recognizing the need for it, we agree that a check-and-balance mechanism can also be placed in place such that, unlike the 1975 emergency, the governing party and the executive cannot abuse authority. While the revocation of human rights has repeatedly been justified, we agree that they are fundamental to people's very lives in a democracy. We have found in our analysis since the 44th Amendment to the Constitution provides that there are always ways to unjustly breach fundamental rights in emergencies notwithstanding the protective provisions that were added during this analysis. As some other federal constitutions, such as Canada and Australia, provide for the courts to decide on the degree to which the center can extend its authority, so it will serve as the consolidated

framework for confirming the unconstitutional use of discretionary powers accessible to the executive and legislative branches in compliance with emergency provisions.

²¹ Constitution of India by D.D. Basu



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