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CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

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1. Short title, extent and commencement.
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CHAPTER II

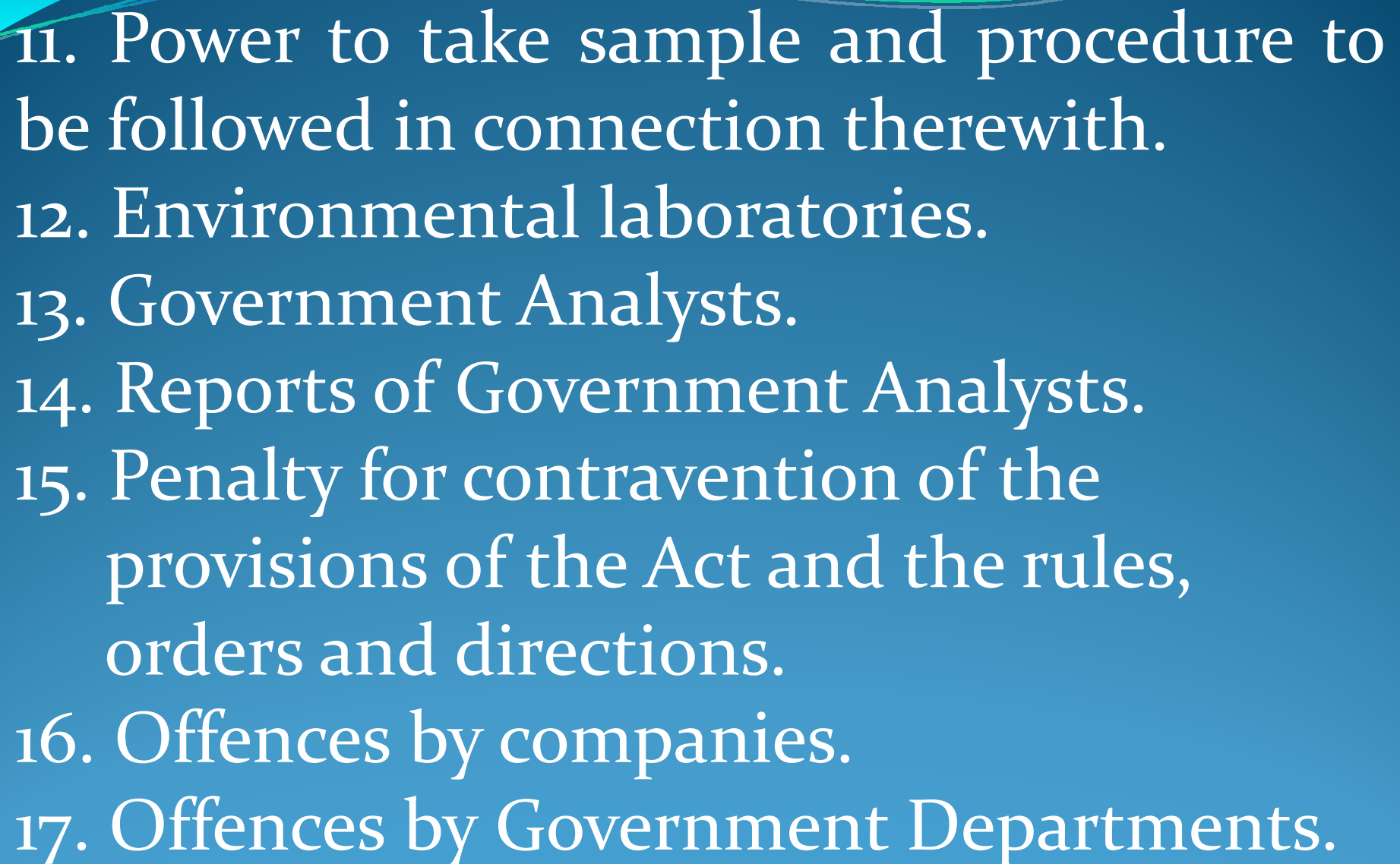
GENERAL POWERS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

3. Power of Central Government to take measures to protect and improve environment.
4. Appointment of officers and their powers and functions.
5. Power to give directions.
6. Rules to regulate environmental pollution.

CHAPTER III

PREVENTION, CONTROL AND ABATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

7. Persons carrying on industry, operations, etc., not to allow emission or discharge of environmental pollutants in excess of the standards.
8. Persons handling hazardous substances to comply with procedural safeguards.
9. Furnishing of information to authorities and agencies in certain cases.
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11. Power to take sample and procedure to be followed in connection therewith.
 12. Environmental laboratories.
 13. Government Analysts.
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 15. Penalty for contravention of the provisions of the Act and the rules, orders and directions.
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18. Protection of action taken in good faith.
19. Cognizance of offences.
20. Information, reports or returns.
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- 23. Power to delegate.
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 - 25. Power to make rules.
 - 26. Rules made under this Act to be laid before Parliament.