

INDIVIDUAL'S PETITION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (1985). By Satish Chandra. Deep & Deep Publications, D-1/24, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110 027. Pp. viii+285. Price Rs. 150.

THE BOOK under review is a general survey of human rights programme of the United Nations including the individual's petition before the Human Rights Committee established under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The first chapter traces the development of the notion of the human rights under the League of Nations and United Nations. Chapter II deals with the working of the Commission on Human Rights which led to the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 which has been dealt with in the third chapter. In chapter IV, the work of the Third Committee of the General Assembly has been discussed. The two international covenants and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights adopted by the General Assembly in 1966 have been dealt with in the fifth chapter.

In these five chapters, a succinct account of the genesis and developments of the human rights has been given. The author has managed to compress the wealth of information on these aspects. However, the discussion is more descriptive than critical. It is useful to those students who are interested in the historical development of the concept of human rights within the United Nations.

The system of the individual's petition before the Human Rights Committee has been discussed in chapter VI. The "views" of the Human Rights Committee in the concluded petitions have also been briefly mentioned. This part is by far the best in the book and should be of much interest to all readers. It is a good addition to the existing literature on the subject.

The book does not include a discussion of other international forums where individuals have been provided a right to make petitions such as Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Even the petitions submitted for the protection of human rights before regional agencies such as European Convention on Human Rights have not been dealt with. The discussion is confined only to the individual's petition before the Human Rights Committee. The book is, therefore, not of much use to those students who are interested in the individual's petition system in international law.

The book also contains the text of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1976 and Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in the appendices. Index is incomplete and is not indicative of the contents of the book.

Although the book contains a useful survey for beginners, absence of critical and analytical study even of the individual's petitions before the Human Rights Committee, lack of references to commentaries on the topic, spelling mistakes and printing errors, limit the utility of the work for advanced students and scholars.

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