

BOOK REVIEWS

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE (2nd ed. 1982). By A.N. Saha. Eastern Law House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. Pp. 1257. Price Rs. 150.

WHAT SHOULD be the aim of a commentary on the Civil Procedure Code? This depends on whether it is written for students, laymen or lawyers. This book¹ is for lawyers. Even here the ideal commentary is still to come. On the one hand, we have Mulla on the C.P.C.² The original commentary by Mulla is a classic. The manner in which he has analysed the principles underlying the important provisions of the C.P.C. is unrivalled. Generations of lawyers have been educated by the use of Mulla's commentary. Mulla wrote fairly long ago. The subsequent editions were expected to bring the case law up-to-date and thus to maintain the utility of that book. Unfortunately, they have not been able to do so even in respect of decisions of the Supreme Court.

It is here that this book steps into the breach. It supplies precisely the latest case law including decisions of the Supreme Court on the more important provisions of the C.P.C. It would be best for a lawyer to read Mulla for the principles and then supplement his reading by this book to know the latest case law on the subject.

Unlike other commentaries on the C.P.C. this book is well produced with excellent and clear printing, good quality paper, and good binding; its price too is reasonable.

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1. A.N. Saha, *Code of Civil Procedure* (1982).

2. Mulla, *The Code of Civil Procedure* (1st ed. 1906).

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