

COMPENDIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS (1985).

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THE BOOK under review fulfils a long felt need for a compendium on environmental protection laws. It contains a number of enactments of Parliament regarding prevention and control of water and air pollution as also relevant rules and notifications applicable to the State of Rajasthan.

There are 16 parts in the book. Parts I, II, VIII and X reproduce respectively the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act 1978, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act 1977 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981. Parts III, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and XI reproduce respectively the Rajasthan Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 1975, Rajasthan Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Rules 1981, Rajasthan Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Rules 1983, Rajasthan Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Rule 1984, Rajasthan Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Appeal Rules 1977, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Rules 1978 and Rajasthan Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 1983. Parts XII to XV reproduce respectively the notifications issued under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Rajasthan Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules 1975, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act 1977, and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981.

Some useful information about cases decided by Indian courts on environmental protection, public health and safety are given in part XVI. Its usefulness is, however, greatly reduced by numerous printing mistakes and treatment of cases without proper headings and arrangement.

A commendable feature of the book is the foreword contributed by P.S. Rajvanshy, chairman of the Rajasthan State Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, in which he has very ably introduced the subject.

Some pages, just after the foreword, are devoted to legislative solution for environmental pollution. Here a reference has been made to environmental laws of Iran, Poland, Canada, Malaysia and some other countries as also to Indian laws. But this information is arranged in a haphazard manner and the narrative is so full of printing mistakes that one finds it difficult to rely on it. It is hoped that, in the second edition, these shortcomings will be eliminated.

On the whole the book is a welcome addition to the literature on the subject.

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