



THE INDIAN PARTNERSHIP ACT, 1932 (1989). By Praful R. Desai.
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THE BOOK¹ under review is meant mainly for students and deals with the Indian Partnership Act in a concise but helpful manner. The treatment of the subject is not section-wise (though important sections of the Act are quoted in the book); the author has tried to deal with the subject topic-wise. The important topics dealt with in the book are the following:

- (i) Nature of partnership.
- (ii) Rights and liabilities of partners.
- (iii) Dissolution of firms.
- (iv) Registration of firms.

Being meant for students, the book does not pretend to be a comprehensive treatise on the subject. But whoever uses it will definitely profit considerably by its study. Students of law and commerce, will find it a reliable tool for acquiring a very satisfactory grasp of the subject. The merit of the book is enhanced by the summary charts provided by the author, which should prove to be useful in revising the study already made by a student.

Some suggestions regarding matters of detail can be made. The treatment of the topic of members of the Hindu joint family as forming a partnership is scattered in several places.² The explanation of the subject is very helpful, but needs to be brought at one place. Incidentally, apart from decisions cited in the book, the students may like to consult the Full Bench ruling in *Khairati Ram v. Firm Balak Ram*.³ The subject of joint ventures⁴ may now require a more detailed treatment, because such agreements seem to be recurring with some frequency. Incidentally, this topic is also discussed,⁵ to which a cross reference would be useful. The Gujarat decision in *Asia Foundation and Construction Ltd. v. State of Gujarat*,⁶ seems to deserve a better treatment say, one paragraph in the main text. The author has stated⁷ that the English law on joint and several liability is different. Presumably, this statement is based on discussion of the subject in standard works. It will be useful if a reference is supplied to the relevant source.

The index can be made more detailed. For example, separate entries can be inserted in the index regarding "arbitration", "joint Hindu family"

1. Praful R. Desai, *Indian Partnership Act, 1932* (1989).

2. See, e.g., *id.* at 4, 13.

3. A.I.R. 1960 Punj. 192.

4. *Supra* note 1 at 6

5. *Id.* at 28.

6. A.I.R. 1986 Guj. 185; *ibid.*

7. *Id.* at 49.



“joint ventures” restraint of trade” and “sleeping partners.”

The get-up is pleasant. Misprints are not many. The reviewer came across a few of them. Thus, “the Civil Court” seems to be a misprint for “Civil Code”.⁸ Also the surname of the writer of the article should be “Srivastava”.⁹

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8. *Id.* at 2.

9. *Id.* at 108.

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