

## PREFACE

Public interest litigation, which is the subject of K.M. Munshi Memorial Lectures delivered at the Indian Law Institute by Professor S.K. Agrawala of the University of Poona, has been an outstanding development in public law in this country as elsewhere. The difficulties in grasping the heart of this complicated part of modern public law are realised only when attempts are made to write about it. Professor Agrawala has not only overcome the difficulties but given us a very readable, competent and meticulously correct presentation of the subject in a brief compass. I had the privilege to preside over these lectures and know how well they were received by the audience.

In the first lecture, the learned author has introduced the subject matter, its origin and rapid development. In the next lecture, he has dealt with the procedure which is inextricably connected with the substance of the subject. In the last lecture, he has attempted to deal with the controversies attending the implementation of the statutes by the directions of the court and how these directions are or are not carried out by the State.

Considered as a whole, this is a masterly survey, perhaps the best introduction to this fast growing area of the developing public law. The author deserves thanks for dealing with all the important decisions of the Supreme Court of India on this subject.

I am sure the book will serve as the best little guide to understand the subject for a considerable time to come. Thanks are due to Mr. Thomas Paul, Editorial Assistant, for the production of the book.

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