

FOREWORD

The volume contains papers read at the seminar on Law and Urbanization in India sponsored by the Indian Law Institute. The seminar was held during the last week of December 1967 at Allahabad at the invitation of the Allahabad High Court and the Bar.

After independence the vast economic and industrial development in the country has resulted in quickening the pace of urbanization. There has been an accelerated movement of the rural population to urban areas during the last two decades. The trend is indicative of dynamism of a developing society. However, urbanization in its wake gives rise to various economic, social and political problems. A community committed to planned development cannot ignore these problems. The need for urban development on a planned basis has been emphasized by the various Five Year Plans. The multitudinous problems which urbanization gives rise to call for solution through many hands trained in various fields. It is obvious that one professional group in society will be inadequate to deal with the task. In view of the importance of the subject of urbanization and also of the consciousness that lawyers in isolation will not be able to study the problem of urbanization, the Institute organized this inter-disciplinary seminar on "Law and Urbanization." To the seminar were invited experts from several fields—law, economics, public administration, sociology, town and country planning, local authorities, traffic, police, etc., to study the problem in its various facets. The deliberations of the seminar concentrated largely on the following subjects :

- I. Social Implications of Urbanization.
- II. Constitutional Implications of Urbanization and Problems of Structure
 - (i) Legislative Relations between the Centre and States in Urban Development
 - (ii) Problem of Administrative Structure and Urbanization
 - (iii) State-Local Government Relations and Urbanization.
- III. Property Relations and Process of Urbanization
 - A. Problems Involved in Reuser of Land
 - (i) Concept of public purpose
 - (ii) Compensation
 - (iii) Administrative procedure under Land Acquisition Act
 - (iv) Freedom to deal with property

B. Regulatory Measures

- (i) Rent control legislation
- (ii) Urban taxes
- (iii) Zoning laws
- (iv) Industrial licensing

IV. Use of Legal Process in Meeting the Social Cost of Urbanization

- (i) Health laws
- (ii) Control of population movement
- (iii) Problems of traffic and transport
- (iv) Special problems of penal administration
- (v) Labour welfare
- (vi) Employment and social security

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