

## FOREWORD

This volume contains a selection of papers presented at the Seminar on *Islamic Law in Modern India* organized by the Indian Law Institute at New Delhi on 14-16 January, 1972.

The personal laws of the various communities in India have been codified and reformed to a large extent, except that of the Muslims. It was, therefore, felt that the Indian Law Institute should give some consideration to the issue of the reform of Muslim personal law. With that objective in view, at the beginning of January 1972, the Institute published a book: *Family Law Reform in the Muslim World*, prepared by the Editor of the present work. It contained an account of the reforms introduced, in recent years, in the Muslim personal law in over twenty countries. As a part of the same programme, we invited Professor J.N.D. Anderson of London University—a leading authority on Muslim law—and, on the occasion of his visit, organized the Seminar on *Islamic Law in Modern India*.

The Seminar was in the nature of a purely academic get-together. The Institute does not take the responsibility for any of the views expressed in the various papers and speeches published in this book.

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