

PREFACE

Panchayats are meant to create an atmosphere to get the feeling that issues at local levels can be solved at first hand and in very quick manner. People within a short time can choose their panch having his or her face value and potential to work for the local people and solve their problems in very amicable manner. In order to achieve these objects, Panchayati Raj is initialized in India. Basically, Panchayati Raj is a smaller form of democracy which brings the people together to elect their local administrator who is very much familiar with the local customs and usages of concerned people. An administrative body of this nature cannot pass or enforce laws that will effects a wider area. In India the system is followed traditionally. Panchayati Raj Institutions provide foundational base for successful working of a wider government. Territory of a State is divided into small localities as it is difficult to control the entire area from a single centre of power particularly when stress is on all around development of the area being widespread and comprising diversified sections of population.

Every administrative units enjoys the powers relating to so many functions. These powers are controlled by the relevant legislations. In this pre-text, Government of Jammu and Kashmir enacted the Panchayati Raj Act and relevant rules along with allied Acts are made to regulate the procedure of Panchayats.

Compilation of Laws, Rules, Regulations, Notification & Case Law in Book Title "**Panchayati Raj Laws in Jammu & Kashmir**". Reference to this book is inevitable for planners, executors and those involved in monitoring of these Institutions. It can be equally helpful for research scholars also.

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