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FOREWORD

The State of Jammu and Kashmir is unique in many aspects and one of the foremost uniqueness of this state is having its own Constitution.

The Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir was constituted in 1951 by a proclamation to frame the Constitution of the state with a sole motive to meet the expectation of the people of the State.

The memories of the history of the State were refreshed in my mind as I went through the Compendium of J&K Constituent Assembly Debates (1951). Jay Kay Law Reporter Pvt. Ltd., needs a good applause for this excellent compilation. In addition to this Sr. Advocate Sunil Sethi, Advocate Kanav Gupta and Navyug Sethi has done a commendable job in compiling this book. This Compendium will prove very helpful to our youngsters in particular and people across the globe in general to know about the political history of the state and the accession of Jammu and Kashmir with the Republic of India.

The publishers have tried their best to pay tributes to the highly respectable members of the Constituent Assembly who have put in their blood and sweat in creating history and moreover they have tried to provide every possible detail to the reader in very simple and precise form.

I wish all the contributors of this publication a great success for their future.

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The State of Jammu and Kashmir occupies a distinct status in the Republic of India in that it is the only State of the Country which has its own Constitution.

It was on 20th April, 1951, that Yuvraj Karan Singh issued a proclamation constituting a Constituent Assembly for the purposes of framing of the State's Constitution.

As I went through the pages of this book "Commentary on Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir", the first edition of which has been written by Late Mr. Justice R.P. Sethi, one of the illustrious Supreme Court judges of our country, a son of the soil, I was reminded of the political history of the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The author has given a vivid description of the historical events which existed prior to, during and after the framing of State's Constitution. Each section is lucidly elaborated with reference to the celebrated Judgments delivered by Supreme Court and the High Courts of the Country. The collection of the material of historical importance must have engaged the author, both physically and mentally, for days together.

Mr. Sunil Sethi, Senior Advocate, Son of Late Mr. Justice R.P. Sethi, deserves appreciation for authoring second edition of this book. He has taken pains in updating the Book by bringing in its ambit latest amendments made in the Constitution as also updating the case law on the subject. There can be no doubt that this book would prove highly beneficial not only to the members of the legal fraternity but also to those who are interested in studying the Constitutional Law.

Jammu

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