

# Preface

I am immensely pleased to take up the revision of MLJ's The Civil Court Manual (Central Acts) for the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition. The Madras Law Journal is undoubtedly the oldest Law Journal in India and its reputation has travelled beyond our frontiers. The fact that this Manual has undergone 12 Editions so far is a conspicuous recognition of its pre-eminence in the domain of legal literature. I am extremely fortunate to have the able and enthusiastic collaboration of Mr. S. Sambandham, Retired District & Sessions Judge, Former Member, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and State Human Rights Commission, Tamil Nadu, who is himself a prolific writer of several books on law, assisted by Mr. L. Bhoopalan and Mr. P.V. Surya Prakash, Retired Judges, and Mr. V.S. Rajaram and Mr. K.P.C. Mogan, Advocates, and a host of others. It is indeed the team work that is responsible for the phenomenal success of this series. I thank everyone of the members of the team for their wholehearted support.

Statutory amendments and case laws which have been growing day-by-day have been brought up-to-date. Case names and cross citations from other Journals and crossreferences to the provisions of other enactments given in this work constitute a remarkable innovative feature which will be of immense help to the Bench and the Bar. India is a nascent democracy wedded to the rule of law, the *sine qua non* of which is a strong independent well-equipped judicial system. The present series, I hope, is sure to contribute much to the establishment of the supremacy of law in the administration of the country.

Finally, I thank the Publishers for their unstinted help and cooperation.

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