

Preface to the Seventh Edition

The first edition of this legal classic work was published in the year 1968, and for almost four decades the treatise stands unrivalled and unparalleled. This great monumental work enjoys popularity across the country. Mr. Kathuria had rendered an exceptional service to the judicial fraternity with creation of this work. All criminal cases decided by the Supreme Court of India have been arranged on topics given alphabetically, for easy reference. The book covers a wide range of criminal law enunciated by the Supreme Court since its inception. This book has been written both from the point of view of the prosecution and the accused.

In this edition I have attempted to add to the existing work by inserting more topics and providing all relevant and upto date case law. The case load of the Indian Courts is increasing spirally, corresponding to the alarming rise in crime in our country. One precedent may change the destiny of an accused, his conviction may be converted into acquittal and vice versa, sentence awarded to him may be reduced to the period already undergone or converted into fine or he may be enlarged on probation. Hence, it has been my endeavour to provide comprehensive case law as far as possible. It is a complete book on the subject.

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I hope that like the previous editions the present revitalized seventh edition of the book would prove helpful to all those who are concerned/connected with the administration of criminal justice.

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