PREFACE

What prompted me to take up this subject for study is my close concern with the press since my marriage. My father-in-law Late Devidasrao Rasal estab-
lished a regional Marathi daily newspaper 'Godateer Samachar' at Nanded (Maharashtra) in the year 1962, which is now looked after by my husband Shri Ramesh Rasal and other members of the family. I have opportunities to observe closely day-to-day functioning of the press. Being a student of law, it occurred to me that there is a need to deal with important issues concerning press from legal and journalistic viewpoint. Therefore, when I decided for working for a doctoral thesis, first subject which flashed upon my mind was 'constitutional and legal aspects of freedom of press.'

In this work I have discussed the subject topic-
wise referring to the latest case law and recent Bills and Legislations pertaining to Press. Important aspects of the Press freedom, such as introductory and historical background, constitutional foundation with comparative and critical account with particular reference to the provisions under United States Constitution are covered. Freedom of Press and constitutional institutions such as Legislatures, Courts and Executive are discussed with certain recommendations. Freedom of press and laws concerning society and individual viz., obscenity,
defamation and privacy are no less important, and hence this aspect is also covered with summary and conclusions.

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