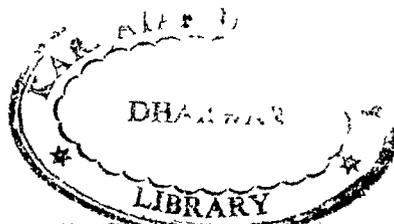


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The Constitution of India provides for a three tier system of Governmental organisation, namely, the Union Government, the State Government and the Governments of Union Territories in India. The Union Government at the Centre is granted a greater sphere of autonomy to maintain the solidarity and unity of the nation. The State Governments are also endowed with a sphere of autonomy to meet the local requirements and to hasten the progress of each state with the positive participation of the people in the administration of each state. Lastly, the existing Nine Union Territories in India have an administrative set-up of their own functioning under the direct control of the Union Government.

Contemporary writers on the Constitution of India have elaborately discussed the constitutional provisions with regard to the powers and functions of the Union Government and those of the State Governments but less



attention is paid to the special administrative set-up for the Union Territories in India.

In the first part of the thesis, an attempt is made to explain the genesis of Union Territories in India, the problem of reorganisation of states in India and the various kinds of Governmental set-up envisaged for the Union Territories in India.

In the second part of the thesis, an attempt is made to explain the early history of Goa, freedom movements in Goa, the problem of liberation of Goa and the progress made in the Union Territory of Goa since its liberation. Further, analysis and study of popular response is made to understand the pulse of the people on various aspects related to them and the future of Goa.

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