P R E F A C E

The execution of this study necessitated severe
self-imposed limitations by the writer by imperative need
to maintain the focus, the relevance, the coherence and
the cogency of the subject matter of this study. It also
precludes any discussion of the lengthy and complex Indian
political process while discussing the functioning of the
Parliament. Nor does it take notice of the manner of
composition and the manner of functioning of the Supreme
Court as these cannot be said to be relevant to the
subject under study here.

The study is significant in that as it attempts to
discuss in some depth and seeks to determine the extent
and degree and the respective positions of the two main
pillars of the Indian Polity — the Parliament and the
Supreme Court which are interlocked in a struggle not only
in their power balance but also for supremacy in the
exercise of their respective powers and their respective
positions in regard to which both hold strongly to their
own different viewpoints and positions. This situation
which has far reaching consequences for the Indian polity
has attracted the serious attention of politicians,
journalists, jurists and academicians in addition to generating quite a serious and pervasive countrywide debate on this vitally important question.

The writer needs to emphasize that this study has been made as a student of Political Science and not as a student of law. This study examines the question of "The Parliament and the Supreme Court: A Study of Balance in Power" from a purely academic viewpoint and the writer has endeavoured to be as objective as was humanly possible.

The writer is not aware of any study dealing exclusively with this problem in the manner and the method in which the present study does.

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