PREFACE

It gives me immense pleasure and satisfaction to present the first edition of 'Business and Industrial Laws' to the teachers and students of School of Open Learning and NCWEB affiliated to Delhi University. This text book has been designed in accordance with the annual mode syllabus of Business and Industrial Laws Paper III of B. Com (Prog.): Three Year Undergraduate Course offered by School of Open Learning and NCWEB, University of Delhi.

The main objective of writing this book is to present the complicated provisions of Business and Industrial Laws in a simplified and concise manner. The subject matter has been organised in seven units. The first unit, which consists of 13 chapters deals with nature, scope, essentials of valid contract, performance of contract including special contracts. The second unit comprises of 5 chapters relating to the Sale of Goods Act. The third unit contains 4 chapters pertaining to the Partnership Act, features of partnership, formation of partnership, rights and duties of partners and dissolution of partnership and dissolution of partnership firm. Chapters 23-27 of fourth unit provide various provisions relating to Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. Units 5-7 provide the various provisions relating to Payment of Wages Act, Payment of Bonus Act and Payment of Gratuity Act.

The Industrial Laws Acts: The Payment of Wages Act, 1936, The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and The Payment of Gratuity Act as

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contained in my Business and Industrial Laws book (Sem-II), have been inserted in this book. The revision of the two Acts: The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 has been carried out by Ms. Raman Arora. The amendments to these two Acts have been incorporated at the relevant places under the two Acts.

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