

Co-operative Societies Laws in Kerala by Adv P N Mohanan¹; A Book Review

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Publishing the 24th edition of the same commentary is not a walk in the park, which proves the very credibility of such a book and its author. This book is a complete package and boasts of a comprehensive commentary, with special attention to the relevant case-laws, on the topic of Kerala Co-operative Societies and Rules. Along with the aforesaid statute and statutory rules, this book also contains other important topics/schemes pertaining to this field such as Self-financing pension schemes of State Co-operative Bank employees & erstwhile District Co-operative Bank employees, Primary societies employees, Kerala Co-operative Ombudsman Scheme etc, and also the Kerala Co-operative Revival Fund Scheme². The author did a fine job in providing detailed commentary along with the latest case laws on almost all the key areas. It is heartening to note that the author was careful in not just confining the case laws to the 'co-operative field' alone, but has also surfed through the general principles of law. Without doubt it can be said that this commentary has come a long way since its first edition on 05-06-1992. It will not be out of place to quote the observation of a full bench of the Hon'ble High Court in **Mattanur Co-operative Rural Bank vs Co-operative Arbitration Court³**, with respect to the author;

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² Introduced by way of Section 57E, inserted by Act 09/2024, published in Kerala Gazette Vol No 13 No 1829 dated 07-06-2024, w.e.f. 07-06-2024.

³ ILR 2023 (3) Ker 863 (FB)

"77 Sri.P.N. Mohanan, learned Advocate, is a renowned Editor and author of published books relating to the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act and the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules."

This book is definitely a 'treasure trove' for the legal community, Co-operative Societies, and government departments, for the scientific and detailed analysis, coupled with the latest case-laws, backed with an in-depth study on the subject.