



FOREWORD

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Aseem Chawla wears many hats: a legal practitioner of repute, a Chartered Accountant of considerable accomplishments, an accredited Trust and Estate practitioner, a star speaker in domestic and international forums on corporate affairs and taxation and a leading author who received international acclaim for his recent book titled *“Finding a Straight Line Between Twists and Turns: Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax landscape”*.

His book *“Supreme Court on Company Law: Compendium of Cases 1950-2021”* is a classic reflection of Aseem Chawla’s scholarship, passion for law, industry and meticulous preparation. This Compendium is a one-stop shop for all those looking for leading Judgments of the Supreme Court rendered during the period from 1950 to 2021 on all matters arising under the Companies Act, 1913/1956/2013.

The unique feature of this Compendium is that it is divided into three volumes; with Volume-1 providing the *ratio decidendi* of the decisions of the Supreme Court from 1950 to 1993, Volume-2 providing a glimpse of the principles laid down in the decisions from 1994 to 2011 and Volume-III giving the principles laid down in cases from 2012 to 2021. The decisions referred to

in each volume are arranged Subject-wise in an alphabetical order, making the compendium rank high on “*Ease of searching index*”. Generally a Compendium of this nature will contain only a table of cases but Aseem Chawla has provided, in addition to a table of cases, a Section Index listing out the provisions of the Companies Act, 1913/1956/2013 which came to be interpreted in the decisions included in the Compendium. This Section index also includes the listing of cases arising under the COMPANIES (ACCEPTANCE OF DEPOSITS) RULES, 1975; COMPANIES (ACCOUNTING STANDARDS) RULES, 2006; COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1988; COMPANIES (COURT) RULES, 1959; COMPANY LAW BOARD (QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND OTHER CONDITION OF SERVICE OF MEMBERS) RULES, 1993; COMPANY LAW BOARD REGULATIONS, 1991, CONSTITUTION OF INDIA; INDIAN TRUSTS ACT, 1882; SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ACT, 1992; SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (STOCK BROKERS AND SUB-BROKERS) REGULATIONS, 1992 AND SECURITIES CONTRACTS (REGULATION) ACT, 1956.

In short, Aseem Chawla has done a great job in bringing out this Compendium, which can easily be termed as “*Google search*” in the manual mode. I am sure that it will prove to be a useful tool in the hands of the litigants, lawyers, Judges and the academia.



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