



River Disputes in India Kerala Rivers Under Siege

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2003. N.A. Condition: New. Xxx+238pp River Disputes in India, is a percussive study of the water resources which have become a subject of controversy. As paramount power, the British had pressurised the ruler of the native state of Travancore over a period of twenty years to part with the perennial waters of one of its entirely in-state rivers for satisfying the water requirements of the neighbouring territories which they directly governed. The riparian laws which still are in their infancy, during the time of the British, were largely of their own making to subserve the interest of their provinces. Even after independence, the Central Government, induced by political considerations, followed the British in dealing with the river waters, instead of adopting an independent course indispensable for maintaining strict impartiality and canons of justice between disputing riparian states and to make a clear distinction between in-state and inter-state rivers. The study places due emphasis on the development of riparian laws clearly defining the position of in-state and inter-state rivers. Most riverine agreements are unequal, designed to promote the interest of the strong. Rivers flow in obedience to the laws of nature and to play their roles as...

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