



President's Rule in Indian States

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1990. N.A. Book Condition: New. Xii+255pp The imposition of President's rule, at the State level, under Article 356 of the Constitution, is one of the major irritants in the working of Centre-State relations. It can not be claimed that this provision has always been used wisely or honestly to remove a State Ministry. The Article has on occasions been invoked to serve party Union Government, like all other State Governments, being a party Government is not altruistic for success in the political arena. Since the coming into force of the Constitution on January 26, 1950, President's rule has been promulgated 75 times in 23 states in the Union where President's rule was necessitated within two years of the commencement of the Constitution. Imposition of President's rule eight times in Punjab, forms the mainstay of the present work. The investigation of all the eight occasions has revealed that there was no major difference between the performance of the popular ministries and the President's rule. In fact, the imposition of President's rule in 1983, and 1987 with the avowed aim of bring in peace, rather proved counter-productive. It widened the gulf between Punjab and India, Hindu & Sikh,...



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