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FOREWORD

It is a matter of great satisfaction to note that Advocate **Vibhor Kumar Sahu** has undertaken the commendable endeavour of compiling a comprehensive *Law Digest on the Judgments of Hon'ble Justice Gurpal Singh Ahluwalia*, encompassing the wide canvas of service jurisprudence and cognate branches of administrative law as developed by the Madhya Pradesh High Court, particularly at its Gwalior Bench.

This scholarly compilation bears testimony to the author's meticulous research, analytical acumen, and unwavering dedication to the cause of legal scholarship. In an age marked by the proliferation of judicial decisions, the systematic arrangement and thematic classification of judgments serve a vital function enabling the Bench, the Bar, and students of law to discern the governing principles of service law with clarity and precision.

The judgments of **Hon'ble Justice Gurpal Singh Ahluwalia** have consistently reflected depth of legal insight, clarity of reasoning, and a balanced approach that harmonizes constitutional philosophy with pragmatic justice. The present work captures those attributes with fidelity, arranging the decisions under carefully structured chapters such as *Annual Increment and Retirement, Kramonmati and Time-Bound Promotion, Probation and Confirmation, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sealed-Cover Promotions, Compassionate Appointment, Doctrine of Equality, Back Wages and Continuity of Service*, and several others - each illuminating a distinct facet of service jurisprudence.

The present Digest thus represents not merely a collation of decisions but a structured exposition of judicial thought that contributes to the consolidation of legal principles in the realm of public employment. It is a valuable addition to legal literature and will undoubtedly serve as a ready and reliable reference for the legal fraternity, academicians, and students alike.

I extend my appreciation to the author for his devoted effort and earnest scholarship, and I am confident that this work will stand as a worthy contribution to the legal fraternity and to the enduring pursuit of justice.

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