



Police Problems and Dilemmas in India

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1989. N.A. Book Condition: New. Xvi+375pp India's police was basically fashioned by a colonial power i.e., the British, in order to administer a multi-layered, caste-ridden, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society against the nineteenth century setting. It has remarkably adapted itself to the developments of the post-Independence era in dealing with problems ranging from regional power pressures to ethnic violence. As a unified single entity at State and national levels, it is a potent instrument which influences significantly the administrative, political and social aspects of public life. In India, police were always equipped and armed with sophisticated gadgetry and weaponry to face any challenges of great magnitude. The awesome power police is always feared and viewed with suspicion. Powerful political processes led to police prowess but in times of instability, freely flexed muscles of police broke the backbone of many mass movements and authoritatively silenced the rebellious voices. Often shielded, Sometimes criticized and occasionally appreciated, police generally upholds the dominant political interests and tactfully skirts the legal issues. Police touches private and public lives unlike other organization and its intrusion is a matter of official and personal discretion, nothing is considered beyond the approach of police power....



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