

PAPER – I
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES
(Paper Code : K-601)

The course shall comprise of the following :

- (1) **Introductory** : Meaning, Purpose and Scope of Interpretation of Statutes; Nature of Statutes and their Classification
- (2) **Internal Aids to Interpretation** : Title; Preamble; Headings and Marginal Notes.
- (3) External Aids to Interpretation; Parliamentary History; Stare Decisis (Judicial Precedents); Dictionaries.
- (4) **Rules of Statutory Interpretation** : Primary (Basic) Rules; Secondary (Subsidiary) Rules; Literal Rule; Golden Rule; Mischief Rule.
- (5) **Judicial Activism** : Nature and Scope.
- (6) **Presumptions in Statutory Interpretation** : Presumption as to Jurisdiction; Presumption as to Prospective Operation of Statutes; Presumption Against Violation of International Law.
- (7) **Maxims of Statutory Interpretation** : Ejusdem Generis; Expressio Unius Est Exclusio Alterius; Ut Res Magis Valeat Quam Paraeat, Noscitur a sociis, Raddendo singular singularis.
- (8) **Interpretation with Reference to the Subject Matter and Purpose of Statutes** : Penal Statutes; Taxing Statutes, Welfare Legislation, Prospective and Retrospective Operation.
- (9) **Principles of Constitutional Interpretation** : Harmonious Construction; Doctrine of Pith and Substance; Doctrine of Colourable Legislation; Occupied Field; Repugnancy.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Langan P.St., *Maxwell on the Interpretation of Statutes*.
Mathur D.N., *Interpretation of Statutes*.
Miers David R., *Sweet & Maxwell (Interpretation of Statute)*.
Sarathi V.P., *Interpretation of Statutes*.
Singh Avtar (Dr.), *Interpretation of Statutes*.
Singh G.P., *Principles of Statutory Interpretation*.
Srivastva R.D., *Interpretation of Statutes and Legislation*.