

Appu Papers

The Appu Papers is a substantial copies of Shri P. S. Appu's archives concerning the crisis in governance. It gives his incisive insights into the situations where the public interest has been sacrificed in the altar of private gain. The Monograph contains the papers on :

1. "Peril in Panchayati Raj Institution in Karnataka",
2. "Reorientation of policies in Land Reforms",
3. "Tenancy reform in India",
4. "Misuse of Art. 356 of the Indian Constitution",
5. "Governor's Discretionary " ;
6. "Federal structure & Bureaucracy",
7. "Government must govern",
8. "The Decline of the Indian Bureaucracy".

This is a collection of writings of P.S.APPU, on various aspects of land reforms, rural development and issues of governance. It reproduces a few monographs and articles published in various journals as well as several other miscellaneous writings, all bearing on his over-arching concern - alleviation of mass poverty and good governance.

In his more than three decades of work as a public servant [he was an outstanding member of the Indian Administrative Service] he was closely involved in policy formulation and its implementation at the highest levels of the public administration – not in its currently undervalued and attenuated avatar – both in the state of Bihar and the centre when alleviation of mass poverty and realization of a truly welfare state used to be at the top of the declared goals of development planning and when many public servants at all levels of administration were professionally and passionately committed to their actualization.

In the seventies of the century just gone by, when redistributive land reforms came to enjoy top-of-the-agenda status in enunciated State policy, two monographs of the author – the first one on the land ceiling question and the second one on tenancy, served to provide readers a comprehensive idea of these two subjects and helped them untangle innumerable legal, administrative, even political strands of the complex land question. Intended primarily for public servants as these two volumes were, they also put in perspective the dominant issues involved, for a much wider and varied readership of politicians, students and academics.