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PREFACE

Spreading Legal Literacy and Awareness among the masses, particularly, socially and economically underprivileged is one of the foremost objectives of Legal Services Authorities. The Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority is doing a commendable work by releasing "booklets" on various enactments. The present booklet is on "The Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956".

The booklet precisely explains, inter alia, who a "Minor" is, who a natural guardian is for the minor and his / her properties. To whom the Act would apply, when a woman can appoint a testamentary guardian and when the mother can act as natural guardian even during the lifetime of the father, have also been vividly explained. The powers of the natural guardian and testamentary guardian have been set out.

The main objective, that is, the paramount consideration of this Act is the protection of a Hindu minor's person and properties. I am confident that this booklet which also incorporates the format for seeking legal aid would prove to be of great use to the general public, besides enabling them to know the rights and duties of a guardian in relation to a minor.

(Justice N.K. Jain)