



MOHANLAL SUKHADIA UNIVERSITY, UDAIPUR

FACULTY OF LAW

THIRD SEMESTER MASTER OF LAWS

(CONSTITUTION BRANCH)

PAPER – II (PAPER CODE - 53902) : (PAPER NAME – PUBLIC UTILITY LAW)

Max. Marks: 100 (80 External + 20 Internal)

Min. Marks: 40

Unit I: 1. Public Utilities

- a. Railways, Electricity, Gas, Road Transport, Telephone, Post and Telegraph Service, Police, Fire Brigade, Banking service etc.
- b. Growth and evolution of Public utilities and their legislation

2. Public Utilities – Why Government Monopoly?

- a. Administrative Authorities - Structure of the Administrative Authorities.
- b. Subordinate Legislation.

Unit II: 1. Utilities Legislation – Patterns of –

- a. Administrative Authorities – Structure of the Administrative Authorities.
- b. Subordinate Legislation.

2. Public Utilities and Fair Rearing

- a. Quasi- Judicial Decision – Administrative Discretion.

Unit III: 1. Public Utilities and Consumer Protection

- a. Rights of consumers protected by the Consumer Protection Act
- b. Rights Arising form Law of Contract and Law of Torts.

2. Public Utilities and their Employees

- a. Application of Articles 16 and 311?
- b. Application of Industrial Law – right to strike.

Unit IV: 1. Public Utilities and Fundamental Rights

- a. The right to equality :the airhostess case
- b. Are Public utilities “State” for the purpose of article 12 of the Constitution?
- c. Extension of the concept of State.

2. Liabilities and special privileges of public utilities

- a. In Contract
- b. In Tort
- c. In Criminal Law

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Students should consult relevant volumes of Annual Survey of Indian Law published by the Indian Law Institute (Constitutional Law 1 & 11, Administrative Law, Consumers Protection Law and Labour Law).