

LL.M. DEGREE II SEMESTER EXAMINATION, APRIL 2009

SLS 2206 FARMERS' RIGHTS AND GLOBALISATION

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

- I. A. Discuss the scope and ambit of the definition of term 'farmer' as provided in the "Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001.
- OR**
- B. Identify and state the threats posed by the W.T.O. system to the livelihood of traditional farmers in India.
- II. A. "Agricultural trade liberalization could minimise tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade but cannot ensure perfectly competitive market structures". Elucidate.
- OR**
- B. "While commercialised agriculture is the basis of globalised agriculture, the Indian farmers are operating with a support system which is at best suitable for subsistence farming". Discuss.
- III. A. Discuss the limitations imposed by the W.T.O. system on the freedom of the states to offer support to its farmers.
- OR**
- B. Explain the salient features of W.T.O. Agreement on Agriculture (AoA). Point out the major criticisms raised against the W.T.O. system by the advocates of farmers' rights.
- IV. A. Discuss the co-relation between land and agriculture. Examine whether the existing legal frameworks relating to land in India are conducive to the promotion of sustainable agricultural production.
- OR**
- B. Discuss the salient features of the legal frameworks relating to land use planning and management in India. Do you think the existing Land Use Boards are equipped to provide proactive advice to farmers on land use planning.
- V. A. Explain the initiatives taken by the International Labour Organisation (I.L.O.) in the realm of improvement of living conditions of labourers. Examine whether the initiatives taken by I.L.O. have resulted in a marked change in the living conditions of agricultural labourers.
- OR**
- B. Discuss the implications of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) for the Indian agricultural sector. Do you think the regional trade agreements are adequately sensitive to the human rights guaranteed by the various international conventions?