ABSTRACT

EVOLUTION OF DOCTRINE OF BASIC STRUCTURE UNDER INDIAN CONSTITUTION

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Basic structure doctrine is an important judicial innovation to protect the basic pillars of the Constitution. During 1950s-1960s there was misuse of the amending power provided to Parliament under Article 368 of the Constitution as there was no limitation on the amending power of the Parliament. There were a series of cases which led to the evolution of this doctrine of basic structure. This doctrine was promulgated in the very famous Kesavananda Bharti v. State of Kerala case. This case listed some of the basic features of the Constitution and over the time this list was enlarged by the Judiciary. Judiciary by incorporating basic structure doctrine endeavoured to protect the identity of the Constitution for which it was formulated. Therefore the basic structure doctrine endeavoured to protect the basic pillars of our Constitution on which our Constitution is based upon.

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