

“With us every official, from the Prime Minister down to a constable or a collector of taxes, is under the same responsibility for every act done without legal justification as any other citizen. The Reports abound with cases in which officials have been brought before the Courts and made in their personal capacity liable to punishment or to the payment of damages for acts done in their official character but in excess of their lawful authority.”

Prof. A.V. Dicey in his memorable work “The Law of the Constitution” (1st Edition, Macmillan and co.)