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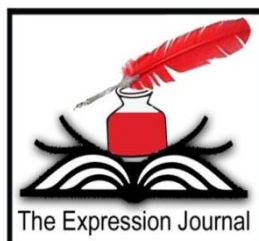
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Abstract

Since independence India has appointed many commissions and committees on administrative reforms and for good administrative functioning. Most recently in 2005 Indian government has established second administrative reforms commissions to solve the issues of governance, transparency, accountability and to meet challenges, entailing government-market, government-society, and intra-government relationships. The commission came with the 15 reports in which till now the government has taken decision on only 12 reports. This paper is trying to review the UPA government response on the commission's recommendations. It will also analyse and evaluate the government position on the recommendations. To understand and analyse it minutely this paper has divided the recommendations into three major categories such as accepted, not accepted and the no decision taken by the government.

Key-Words

Administrative Reforms, Governance, Transparency, Accountability,
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Introduction

The liberalisation of Indian economy has not only impacted the Indian economic structure but also to the Indian administrative structure. To equip with the recent economic structural changes and to achieve a proactive, responsive, accountable, sustainable, and efficient administration at all levels of the government has established second administrative reform commission. Moreover, since independence India has witnessed many commissions and reports on administrative reforms for efficient and effective social, political, and economic structure. This reform represents a complex hybrid organizational form and a challenging combination of political control and local autonomy. Most of the committees and reports mentioned recommendations but only few has been accepted and implemented by the government. Hence, here it is important to evaluate and analyse the most recent administrative reform commission i.e. ARC-2 recommendations to the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, 2004-2014.

History of Administrative Reform Commissions

Since, independence India has established many commissions and committees to solve the issue of governance, to meet the expectations of people and provide them with rapid economic growth, increased access to basic services, consistent with equity and social justice. The Gopaldaswamy and Gorwala Report was the first tentative attempt made by Reorganisation Committee headed by Girija Shankar Bajpai to solve the issue of administrative reform. After this report the Indian Government had invited the renowned American expert, Paul Appleby to study and report better administrative structure of India. In his report Paul Appleby has raised the issue of administrative structure, practices, problem related to streamlining organisation, work procedures, recruitment, and training in these enterprises (Maheshwari 2002: 61). Paul Appleby has made *twelve recommendations* to the GOI but it has accepted only two. The First recommendation was to establish a professional training institute—*Indian Institute of Public Administration* (IIPA) for promoting research in public administration and the second was a

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