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Module 1

1.1 Meaning of Accountability

1.2 Meaning of Public Accountability

1.3 Public Accountability as an Icon

1.4 Public Accountability as a Social Relation

1.5 Doctrine of Public Accountability
   - Explanation
   - Personal Liability
   - Limitations
   - Judicial Accountability

1.6 Public Accountability Protections under Administrative Law
   - Public Accountability and Devolution
   - Public Accountability and Elections
   - Administrative Accountability & The Anti-Administrative Impulse
Module 2

2.1 Public Accountability and Crown Privilege/State

- Position in England
- Position in America
- Position in India
- Right to Know
- Freedom of Information Act

2.2 Public Accountability and Parliament

- Non-Confidence Motions
- The Opposition
- Parliamentary Committees

2.3 Public Accountability of Government Commissions & Institutions
MODULE 3

3.1 Public Accountability and Check on Corruption

- Robert Klitgaard’s Equation: \[ C = M + D - A \]
  
  Where, \( C \)=Corruption, \( M \)=Monopoly, \( D \)=Discretion, \( A \)=Accountability

- Kaufmann (1999), who states that:
  
  \[ AC \text{ (Anti-corruption Efforts)} = KI \text{ (Knowledge & Information)} + LE \text{ (Leadership)} + CA \text{ (Collective Action)} \]

- Lord Acton: “All power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely.”

3.2 Indian Perspective: Transparency and Accountability in Governance through Right to Information

- Role of Civil Society Organisations and Media

- Records Management for Effective Information Management and

- Implementation of the Act

- The importance of records management.

- The broad issues relating to the keeping, maintaining, managing and destructing

3.3 Institutional Changes and Legislative Responses

- Doctrine of Separation of Powers,

- Independence of Power

- Doctrine of Checks and Balances

3.4 Public Accountability and Lokpal: Signs of a Maturing Democracy
MODULE 4

4.1 Judicial Accountability: A Theoretical Understanding

4.2 Judicial Accountability and Independence of Judiciary

4.3 The Judiciary and the Right to Information

4.4 Present Scenario

4.5 Cases Decided by Indian Judiciary- Widening the Scope of Public Accountability

- A.G. of India v. Amritlal Prajivandas
- DDA v. Skipper Construction Co.
- State of Bihar v. Subhash Singh
- Nilabati Behera v. State of Orissa
- Superintending Engineer, Public Health, Union Territory v. Kuldeep Singh
- P.V Narasimha Rao v. State (Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Bribery Case)
Module 5

5.1 Development
- Concept of development
- Changing profile of development administration
- Bureaucracy and development

5.2 Personnel Administration
- Importance of human resource development
- Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline, performance appraisal, promotion, pay and service conditions;
- Employer-Employee relation
- Grievance Redressal mechanisms
- Code of conduct
- Administrative ethics

5.3 Public Policy
- Models of policy making and their critique
- Processes of conceptualisation, planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and review and their limitations

5.5 Civil Services
- Constitutional position; Structure, recruitment, training and capacity-building
- Good governance initiatives
- Code of conduct and discipline
- Staff associations
- Political rights
- Civil service neutrality
- Civil service activism

5.6 Rights and Duties
- Rights of an Individual
- Duties towards the Society